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Obama tips hat to Naval Academy grads



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U.S. Naval Academy graduates throw their hats in the air at the conclusion of Friday's commencement ceremony in Annapolis, Md. The senior class of 1,036 midshipmen and about 20,000 relatives and friends heard President Barack Obama say that "in a world when so many forces and voices seek to divide us, it is inspiring that this class came together and succeeded together, from every state and every corner of the world." See story on Page 7.

Seoul police: Men smuggled U.S. weapons

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND
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Stars and Stripes

SEOUL—Seoul police are investigating how a South Korean man was allegedly able to run a weapons smuggling ring for 12 years and sell stolen U.S. military guns and ammunition out of a warehouse in central Seoul, a police spokesman said Thursday.

Police arrested the 30-year-old man, identified only by his last name, Moon, and two other men in January and accused them of illegally obtaining and smuggling

military equipment believed to have come from U.S. military bases in South Korea. Police announced the arrests Thursday.

Police said they raided Moon's warehouse in Seoul's Dongdaemun district after getting a tip and conducting a long stakeout. They said they found about 1,000 weapons and pieces of ammunition, including M-16 rifle rounds, M-60 machine-gun barrels, bayonets, smoke shells, grenades, bulletproof helmets and vests, mine detectors, night-vision goggles and lenses, and parts needed to make firearms.

Much of the equipment was labeled "Property of U.S. Government."

Seoul police and the U.S. military's Criminal Investigation Command are still investigating where the weapons came from and how they were sold, the spokesman said.

U.S. Forces Korea spokeswoman Col. Jane Crichton said she had not received information about the arrests as of Friday afternoon.

Moon sold the equipment in person and on the Internet to ammunition collectors and "survival game" operators, Seoul police allege. Survival games, where participants are taken to remote areas and fight pretend wars, usually with plastic

guns, are highly popular in South Korea among university students, online gamers and other groups. Businesses often pay for their employees to participate in the mock battles as a bonding experience.

The police spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said some of the weapons may have been used to commit crimes.

"[The] warehouse looked like an exhibition displaying all the military equipment," he said.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"... I'm hoping that by coming out and telling my story that the president will move faster on this."

Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach, who may be discharged on the grounds he is gay, on his hopes for a repeat of 'don't ask, don't tell'

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Allison Frank, right, the widow of Capt. Warren A. Frank, who was killed in November 2008 during a deployment to Iraq, watches as a Marine color guard marches past Friday during a ceremony remembering her husband at 5th Naval Gunfire Liaison Company headquarters at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

Marines, loved ones gather to share memories of a fallen comrade

BY CINDY FISHER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa — Those who knew him say that Capt. Warren A. Frank was living his dream of leading Marines and that he had even bigger ambitions.

Frank knew — those who served with him said — that he would one day be a battalion commander and then, eventually, become Commandant of the Marine Corps.

But his dreams were cut short on an early Tuesday morning in November when he was killed "while supporting combat operations" in the Nineveh province of Iraq. He was 26.

Six months after his death, Marines who knew him say their memories of Frank will continue to have a positive influence on the Corps.

The Marines of 5th Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force gathered Friday at the company's headquarters on Camp Hansen to remember Frank as an exceptional Marine and family man.

At times, their anecdotes brought smiles to the face of Allison Frank, his widow, who returned to the island with their two young daughters for the ceremony.

"I am convinced he would have gone on to do great things in the Marine Corps," Lt. Col. Clifford Weinstein, the company's commander, told those assembled. "Warren Frank will forever be missed."



Capt. Warren A. Frank

Sgt. Maj. Gary Moran, who had known Frank since he was a second lieutenant, remembered that Frank "always had a level head."

His voice tightened with emotion as he told the Marines in formation that Frank would always be a brother to him, one he thinks of daily.

Others extolled the infantry officer's commitment to his wife and daughters, the youngest born just two weeks before he left for his final deployment.

"But, he never showed homesickness; he

never let it affect him as a leader, as a Marine," said Cpl. Ryan Pyle, 21, a field radio operator who was a member of Fire Control Team 4, of which Frank had been the officer in charge.

"He always took care of his Marines," Pyle remembered.

Pyle and Cpl. Tim Bode, 24, a fire support artillery observer, said that throughout the deployment, which began in September, Frank was constantly sharing "pearls of wisdom" with his Marines, many of whom had never been deployed to Iraq and were not infantry Marines.

Frank already had served two deployments in Iraq and was constantly training the team, Bode said.

"He knew what Iraq was like — the dangers, the threats," Bode said.

Frank truly cared for his Marines and was always urging them to stay in contact with their families in the States, Pyle said.

"Before he passed away, he was writing letters to all our parents telling them what a great job we were doing," Pyle said. "He was just different from any other officers."

Frank is buried in Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery, but a shadow box with mementos of Frank's career graces the entrance of 5th ANGLICO's headquarters on Camp Hansen to remind all who enter of his sacrifice, Weinstein said.

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'IT'S A REALLY GOOD GIG'

Smaller class sizes, training opportunities make DODDS schools attractive places for teachers



PHOTOS BY NATASHA LEE/Stars and Stripes

Patrice Powdar, a chemistry teacher at Kadena High School on Okinawa, helps senior Jasmine Taylor, 18, with combined gas law. Powdar has taught for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools system since 2005.

By NATASHA LEE
Stars and Stripes

Arriving at Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City eight years ago, Patrice Powdar was enthusiastic about teaching the fundamentals of biology.

Instead, she was greeted with an overburdened school system: too many students and too little funding. Limited supplies made dissecting frogs and examining cells difficult.

"Shelves had dust on them where the microscopes were supposed to be," she said. "I felt as if the students' best interest was not a priority."

Powdar, whose husband is a technical sergeant in the Air Force, secured a chemistry teaching position at Kadena High School in 2005, a year after the family transferred to Okinawa.

The differences between the Department of Defense Dependents Schools system and the Oklahoma City School District were stark.

Powdar, 37, said the DODDS-Pacific district pushes for professional development and emphasizes student achievement in ways she hadn't experienced stateside.

"You can focus on your classroom, and you feel more supported and less stressed," Powdar said.

DODDS teachers in the Pacific and Europe districts say while the appeal of overseas living and job security are enticing incentives that may lure educators into the system, it's the moderate class sizes, availability of teacher train-

ing and a supportive administration that seal the deal.

Education advocates say such factors are critical to sustaining an effective teaching work force.

While stateside school districts grapple with ways to recruit and retain effective teachers amid budget constraints and the demands of standards-based education reform, the Department of Defense Education Activity has more than 60,000 teachers on a waiting list.

It took math teacher Scott Brannon, 35, three years to secure a coveted position at Kubasaki High School on Okinawa. He had applied in 2000 at

the suggestion of his pastor, only to get an e-mailed response that DODDS had received 7,000 applications for 300 slots. Three years later, Brannon updated his online application with a computer science certification, which he said may have given him a boost over other applicants.

'No complaints'

Parents have mostly favorable opinions of the DODDS system and its teachers.

In a 2008-09 survey, 74 percent of parents rated their schools positively.

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Scott Brannon, a math teacher at Kubasaki High School on Okinawa, listens to students discuss the impact of exponential functions on model real-life situations during his algebra II class. Brannon has been a DODDS teacher since 2003.

Teaching in tandem

One sister persuades another to teach overseas

By NATASHA LEE
Stars and Stripes

Ashlea Ellis' older sister for years tried to persuade her to come to Okinawa.

Tiffiney Weddle — then a gifted education teacher at Bechtel Elementary School — would boast about the local beaches and festive Japanese culture. And she would rave about the innovative teaching going on in DODDS schools.

"She would call and tell me about all these things she was doing and the wonderful environment," Ellis said.

Back then, Ellis was a first-grade teacher in Laurel, Miss. Life overseas sounded appealing, but she and her husband, Brian, liked that their young sons were growing up with grandparents close by.

"We just never could see going to a faraway place," she said. "Finally, she just talked me into it. ... She's the big sister and I'm the little sister, and I listen."

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Weddle



Ellis

Schools: Some parents concerned about class sizes

SCHOOLS, FROM PAGE 3

A 2008 Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup poll of 1,000 parents of school-aged children reported that 22 percent graded the nation's public school system above average.

"We have no complaints," said Shannon Martinez, who has two children attending Joan K. Mendel Elementary School at Yokota Air Base in Japan.

Martinez said she feels parents are encouraged to be hands-on in their children's education.

"You pretty much have open access to your children," she said.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Caesar Ulsano of Sasebo Naval Base in Japan said DODDS teachers helped his 7-year-old son quickly adapt to English, since Tagalog was the primary language spoken at home.

Now the first-grader at Sasebo Elementary is writing, speaking and reading English fairly well, Ulsano said.

Some parents voiced concerns about overcrowded classes and a curriculum that lacked uniformity.

Army spouse Araceli Martinez has four children — ages 14, 10, 8 and 6 — in DODDS at Ramstein Air Base in Germany and said their classes are too crowded.

While Martinez doesn't think the schools are exceeding allowed student-to-teacher ratios, she thinks classrooms are too full for teachers to give students individual attention.

DODEA officials say they're not exempt from issues that affect stateside schools, such as trying to hire for hard-to-fill positions such as math, language immersion and special education teachers. And they would like to increase diversity among its staff.

'We stay in touch'

Advocates say DODEA succeeds partly because it's free of the federal education reform mandates to which stateside public schools are bound.

Though federally funded by Congress, DODEA is overseen by the Department of Defense, rather than Department of Education. That makes the schools free from high-pressure measures adopted by states to boost student achievement in reading, math and science in order to increase federal funding.

"If that standard is appropriate for every other public school funded by public government, why is this system exempt?" asked Joellen Killion, deputy executive director for the National Staff Development Council. "That's why other systems don't look to DODDS for model practices, because they know the conditions don't match."

DODEA officials, however, say the system is very much connected to the pulse of its stateside counterparts. In 2005, DODEA adopted a Community Strategic Plan to bring classroom and standardized test expectations in line with those of stateside schools.

"Honestly, I don't think we feel all that isolated," said Dr. Peggy Bullion, chief of education for DODDS-Pacific. "We feel that we stay in touch with what's in the written research and what's in."

Bullion said DODEA provides mentoring programs for new teachers, and also works closely with stateside school districts that have large military populations to share teaching practices and educational resources.

74%

Percentage of parents of DODDS students who rated their schools positively in a 2008-09 survey



PHOTOS BY NATASHA LEE/Stars and Stripes

Kevin Schreck, 16, a sophomore at Kubasaki High School on Okinawa, listens as his algebra teacher, Scott Brannon, reviews exponential functions. Brannon teaches algebra and advanced placement statistics.

'Best-kept secret'

According to the 2008 State Teacher Policy Yearbook — compiled by the National Council on Teacher Quality in Washington — a majority of U.S. school districts lack the proper accountability and support systems to reduce the number of ineffective teachers and retain effective ones.

Many stateside districts offer few incentives, such as performance pay, loan forgiveness and additional certification that would help keep effective teachers in classrooms. DODDS — with its overseas living, housing allowances and teacher development — creates an environment where teachers want to stay and thrive, said Kate Walsh, president of the National Council on Teacher Quality.

"I'll be the first to admit, it's a really good gig," said Kim Gold, a DODDS elementary school teacher for 17 years.

Gold, who teaches at Seoul American Elementary School, said she plans to stay partly because she has lived overseas for so long that adjusting to American life would be difficult. And she said, as a single parent of a 6-year-old daughter, she can afford to raise her daughter in a better environment through DODDS.

Gold, 40, said the student demographic she's serving makes it easier to concentrate more on learning and less on the socio-economic issues that sometimes plague students in disadvantaged school districts.

"We have our issues, but we don't have to worry as much about 'Do I have to feed my kids in order for them to function in the classroom?' Every one of my kids will go home tonight and sleep in a bed under a roof. I can't guarantee that in the States,"



Patrice Powdar, a chemistry teacher at Kadena High School in Okinawa, helps sophomore Michael Thompson, 15, with problems on combined gas law.

Gold said.

Her colleague Lori Lundy, 50, agrees.

"One of the things is you've lived over here for so long, you lose track of being in a school district where you have to worry," said Lundy, a DODDS teacher for 18 years. "It's the best-kept secret."

Last year, after school closures at Ramstein Air Force Base, Lundy was able to transfer to Seoul American Elementary School to teach second grade.

Some of her friends in education aren't so lucky.

"A lot of my friends are teaching in Florida where jobs are being cut back. I have several friends who can't even afford to live in the counties they are teaching in now," Lundy said. "That is something I don't have to ever worry about."

Stars and Stripes reporters Bryce Dubee, Jimmy Norris, Jennifer Svan and Travis Tritton contributed to this story.

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Sisters: New excuse to travel to Europe

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Ellis, 34, has been a DODDS teacher for seven years; Weddle, 37, has been with DODDS for almost a decade.

Like Weddle, Ellis said one motivating factor was that her meager salary in Mississippi — just a little over \$21,000 — made it difficult to support her family. DODDS offered a salary boost, paid housing and good benefits.

For six years, the sisters and their families lived within walking distance of each other on Kadena Air Base. They talked two or three times a day, supported each other's children at sports games, toured the island together and enjoyed family dinners.

"She became my best friend," Weddle said.

Last year, Ellis and her family transferred to Germany — to try something different and to experience Europe. She's now a second-grade teacher at Illesheim Elementary School in Bavaria.

"It was really nice having her here," said Weddle, now an educational technologist with the Okinawa school district. "It was like being home."

Ellis and her clan missed Thanksgiving and Christmas this year on Okinawa. But Weddle's family is making a stop in Germany this summer.

"There are times I wish she didn't go," Weddle said. "But now I have an excuse to go to Europe."

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Sailor ordered to pay restitution in death

Court says convicted servicemember owes victim's family \$685K for 2006 killing

By HANA KUSUMOTO
Stars and Stripes

A sailor who was convicted of fatally beating a Japanese woman was ordered by Yokohama District Court on Wednesday to pay approximately 65 million yen — about \$685,000 — in compensation, but the court rejected her family's claim that the U.S. Navy had a responsibility to prevent the crime.

Yoshie Sato's family was seeking 200 million yen in compensation from Airman William Reese and the Japanese government.

The family took civil action against the Japanese government under a provision of

the U.S.-Japan Status of Forces Agreement that compensates victims for damages inflicted by U.S. servicemembers conducting official duties.

They claimed that although Reese was off duty when he attacked Sato in 2006, a preceding rash of crimes by servicemembers should have prompted the Navy to crack down.

Wednesday's ruling stated that crimes committed by U.S. servicemembers are rising and cannot be ignored but contended the Navy did not have supervisory responsibility of Reese during his off-duty hours, said the family's attorney, Yoshihito Shinohara.

The judge, after reading the verdict,

added that the Navy should make efforts to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future, Shinohara said. The family is considering whether to appeal the ruling to a higher court, Shinohara said.

Reese was sentenced to life in prison for the killing, U.S. Forces Japan officials were unavailable for comment Friday.

According to court documents, Reese dragged Sato off the street in Yokosuka city on Jan. 3, 2006, beat her for more than 10 minutes and took 15,000 yen from her purse. Sato died from internal injuries in a Yokosuka hospital later that day.

A Ministry of Defense spokeswoman said the ministry believes "the court basically showed understanding of the claim

by the government."

Japanese officials have stated that the crime was committed outside of duty and that it was not subject to Navy supervision.

Reese will be responsible for paying the compensation if the judgment becomes final. However, under the status of forces agreement, if he cannot pay, the U.S. government may offer to pay ex gratia money, according to a ministry spokesman. The amount would be assessed by the U.S. government, he said. If the payment does not satisfy the judgment, the Japanese government will endeavor to pay the difference, he said.

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Essex to honor Bluejacket of the Year



GREG JOHNSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Petty Officer 3rd Class Rubie Anna Geronimo of Las Vegas cuts a piece of steel with a shear Wednesday aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Essex at Sasebo Naval Base in Japan. Geronimo was named the ship's Bluejacket of the Year and will accept the award during a ceremony in Sasebo on Friday.

Memorial Day festival in S. Korea to bring soldiers, locals together

By JON RABIROFF
Stars and Stripes

CAMP MOBILE, South Korea — At first glance, the 15,000 visitors that organizers hope attend this weekend's Memorial Day Festival and Circus here might think there is little more than fun involved in the appearance of the clowns, acrobats and trapeze artists.

But Army officials say the event represents a return to the pre-9/11 days, the last time there were such military base-area events in South Korea aimed at bringing together soldiers and members of the local community.

In addition, the family-friendly nature of the event is a reflection of the changing local military population, as the ranks formerly filled by a large percentage of soldiers on their own are now being rounded out by more spouses and children courtesy of command-sponsored billets.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the Camp Mobile Motor Pool, which is near the front gate of Camp Casey. Admission to the festival portion of the activities is free and will include carnival rides, live stage entertainment, a petting zoo and eating contests.

At six points during the week-

end, there will be 90-minute performances by the Korea Circus Association's Dong Choon Art Circus. Admission to the circus is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Area I marketing director Frank DeSilva said organizers of the festival have met with local community leaders and distributed thousands of fliers about the event, hoping to draw a large number of area Koreans to Camp Mobile.

"Most of the local community does not have access to the base," he said. "It is rare that a local Korean community person can come on a military installation."

Lt. Col. Donald Meisler, commander of U.S. Army Garrison-Casey, said that is something that was made even more difficult after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, when a variety of new and tighter restrictions were put in place, "to ensure that the right people have access to [military installations] and the wrong people don't."

Festival organizers, he said, "had to work through several challenges to be able to have an event such as this open to the public." Meisler said he hopes local residents not only have fun, but take time to check out some of the displays.

"I hope they get a chance to see what type of equipment the U.S.

Army does have" and get a taste for what life is like "on the other side of the fence," he said.

In addition, DeSilva said, "Ideally, the soldiers will get to know their Korean neighbors."

Meisler said it was no accident that the circus was brought in for the first of what organizers hope will become an annual Memorial Day weekend event.

In the past, events of this magnitude were focused on the predominant population of single and unaccompanied soldiers. But future plans will take into greater account the growing number of families in Area I and all around South Korea.

U.S. Forces Korea announced in December that eventually half of all troops stationed in South Korea will be allowed to bring their families. The number of command-sponsored billets is projected to double to 4,320 by the end of fiscal year 2010.

The increase in families may be most noticeable in Area I, where only a handful of troops have been granted command sponsorship in the past, though many soldiers paid out of their pockets to house their families off post.

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Rockers Seether to visit Sasebo Naval Base

The post-grunge band Seether will perform a free concert on Sasebo Naval Base at 7 p.m. Thursday at Nimitz Field. The band, who had the 2004 hit song "Broken," will sign autographs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Navy Exchange. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Showboat Theater. For more information, call DSN 252-3472.

Yokohama cemeteries to observe Memorial Day

Veterans of Foreign Wars Yokohama Post 9467 is inviting all SOFA-sponsored personnel to attend two separate Memorial Day services Sunday for servicemembers who died in the Asia-Pacific region.

A bus will leave from the Negi-

shi Housing Area community center at 9 a.m. for the Yokohama Foreigners Cemetery and the British Commonwealth War Cemetery. Both ceremonies are expected to last about 15 minutes, and a free buffet luncheon will follow at the community center.

Call DSN 242-4863 for more information.

Sportsbike courses to scheduled for Yokohama

The next Military Sportsbike Riders Courses for servicemembers in the Kanto Plain will be held June 15 and June 27 at the North Dock Motorcycle Range in Yokohama.

The course is mandatory for military riders of sportsbikes to complete once every three years.

Call DSN 264-3910 for more information.

From staff reports

Around and around



T.D. FLACK/Stars and Stripes

Janella Seno, 7, competes in a Hula Hoop contest Friday at the 35th Force Support Squadron Barbecue Bonanza at the Weasels' Den recreation center on Misawa Air Base, Japan.



Celebrating Latin culture

Above: First-grade students from Joan K. Mendel Elementary School at Yokota Air Base perform a traditional Mexican dance known as the "baile de los viejitos" during the school's Cinco de Mayo celebration Thursday. Titled "Around el Mundo Latino in Seven Days," the celebration went beyond just Mexican culture, highlighting seven different cultures.

Left: Kindergarteners from the school perform an Argentine tango.

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Obama lauds graduates of Naval Academy

By LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A day after saying America needs to return to its core values, President Barack Obama called the graduating seniors at the U.S. Naval Academy the embodiment of U.S. service and inspiration.

"America, look at these sailors and Marines," Obama said.

"Here are the values we cherish. Here are the ideals that endure. In an era when too few citizens answer the call to service — to community or country — these Americans chose to serve. And they did so in a time of war, knowing they might be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice."

Obama's commencement speech was the third he's delivered this year, but it was the first time since becoming president that he has addressed one of the service academies.

All 1,036 seniors and more than 20,000 family members and friends packed into Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md., for the event.

It came one day after the commander in chief defended plans for closing the Guantanamo Bay detention facilities, a speech in which he said fear of terrorism had led to too many compromises in America's moral authority.

He referenced those comments on Friday, telling the graduates, "We uphold our fundamental

principles and values ... not because they feel good, but because they help keep us safe."

But he also used the theme to highlight what he called the selflessness and service of all of the armed forces.

"After an era when so many institutions and individuals acted with such greed and recklessness, it is no wonder that our military remains the most trusted institution in the nation," he said.

"And in a world when so many forces and voices seek to divide us, it is inspiring that this class came together and succeeded together, from every state and every corner of the world."

The president also reiterated several military promises from the last four months: an end to the war in Iraq, more money for military family support programs, better benefits programs for veterans.

But he also made a more immediate promise to next year's classes at the academy — an extra weekend off next fall, in recognition of the academy earning the Navy's Meritorious Unit Commendation Award for only the second time school history.

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LEO SHANE III/Stars and Stripes

Ensign Kelly Marie Zahalka receives her diploma from President Barack Obama during the commencement ceremony Friday morning at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Honoring the fallen



T.D. FLACK/Stars and Stripes



Above: Members of the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base, Japan, salute the American flag during a Memorial Day ceremony Thursday. U.S. sailors from Naval Air Facility Misawa and U.S. soldiers stationed on the base also attended the ceremony.

Left: Col. David Stilwell, commander of the 35th Fighter Wing, and honor guard member Senior Airman Sarah Golloway place a wreath Thursday on a memorial at Misawa Air Base, Japan.

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AF pilot facing 'don't ask, don't tell' discharge

Fehrenbach hopes his story prods Obama to change law

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — No one in Air Force Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach's unit knew he was gay until he went on television Tuesday night to talk about his sexuality.

"It was never my intention to come out publicly," he said in an interview with Stars and Stripes the next day.

But Fehrenbach, an F-15 pilot, said he was grounded last spring, just weeks before his unit deployed to Iraq, when a civilian acquaintance told his commanders that Fehrenbach might be gay.

He said he doesn't know why he was outed. For almost two decades, he kept his sexual orientation a secret from military officials. But the tip began a year-long review that culminated in a recommendation for discharge last week, under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Fehrenbach, an 18-year airman who has served overseas tours in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan,

said he felt compelled to share his story with the press after that because of the White House's reluctance to confront the issue of homosexuals serving openly in the military.

"I had a lot of hope in September, when I heard about [President Barack Obama's] plans to overturn the law," he said. "Now, I'm hoping that by coming out and telling my story that the president will move faster on this."

For now, there's no indication that will happen, and Fehrenbach stands to lose his military pension.

The White House publicly remains committed to overturning the ban, but recently press secretary Robert Gibbs noted that the president won't intervene in current cases against men and women who announce their homosexuality or who are outed by others. However, on Thursday, Gibbs said that the administration remains committed to overturning the policy, but he noted that it would require an act of Congress.

Both Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen have said any such move will take time to process and implement, and current war priorities are postponing those conversations. On Tuesday, Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said defense officials haven't had any significant conversations about the issue. Later, Gates asked Morrell to clarify the statement.

"Although this will require changes to the law, the secretary and chairman are working to address the challenges associated with implementation of the president's commitment," Morrell said Thursday.

Kevin Nix, spokesman for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said his group is asking the president to consider a working group to look at ways to implement the repeal of the ban, with a goal of a change in policy within 90 days.

But so far the White House has maintained that changes must first come from Congress, and Obama

has not offered public support for a bill already on Capitol Hill that would overturn the ban. The administration had no reaction to a public rebuke from SLDN last month, in the form of a newspaper ad demanding action on the issue.

Last week, the Boston Globe reported the number of discharges under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy last year remained steady, down almost half from the 1,227 high in 2001.

Fehrenbach hopes to find some way to avoid becoming one of the highest-ranking servicemembers ever kicked out of the service under the rule. He had hoped to retire quietly in two years, but now that seems unlikely.

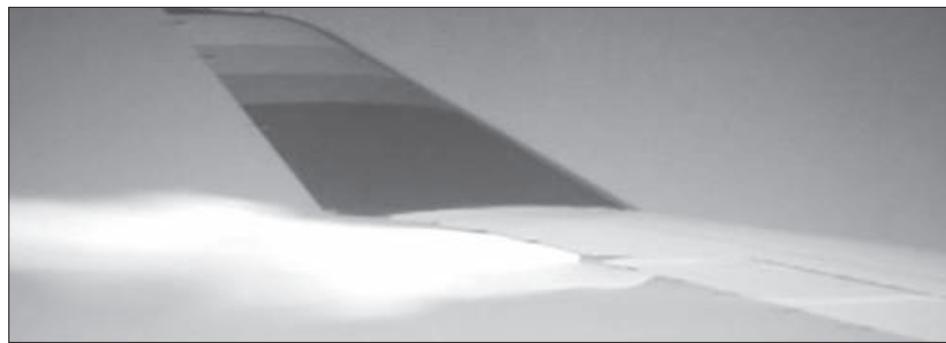
"I followed the rules for 18 years," he said. "I didn't make the decision to come out. There's no reason I couldn't continue to do my job well."

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Courtesy of Victor Fehrenbach

Air Force Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach, an 18-year airman and decorated F-15 pilot, is being forced out of the service under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy after being outed by a civilian acquaintance.



Courtesy of Bartek Bachleda

Fuel leaks from the left wing of a United Airlines jet en route from Chicago to Japan in April.

Airman spots fuel leak on airliner

Stars and Stripes

A Kadena airman on a United Airlines flight from Chicago to Japan in April spotted a fuel leak from his window seat and the plane carrying 300 passengers was able to land safely in San Francisco, according to Air Force public affairs.

Staff Sgt. Bartek Bachleda, a 909th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, noticed something was wrong during takeoff and continued to study the wing of the plane, where smoke could be seen escaping, the Air force said. About an hour into the flight, Bachleda attempted to alert a flight attendant but was initially brushed off. He then informed her that it was an emergency.

"She was completely serious and was no longer

handing out drinks," he was quoted as saying by the Air Force. "I told her you need to inform your captain before we go oceanic."

The plane, carrying 300 passengers, landed in San Francisco where most were placed on another flight to Narita International Airport. Bachleda and a co-worker stayed behind to assist investigators. They flew to Japan first class the next day, the Air Force said.

United Airlines spokesman Jeff Kovick said the crew was already aware of a fuel problem and the plane would not have attempted to cross the Pacific, according to CNN.

Still, Bachleda's sharp eye was much appreciated. "When we got off the airplane everyone was thanking us," the sergeant said.

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Senate passes \$91.3B bill for war funding

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate is backing President Barack Obama's efforts to ramp up the war in Afghanistan, granting his request for \$91.3 billion for military and diplomatic operations there and in Iraq.

The spending bill, approved on an 86-3 vote Thursday night, goes to congressional negotiators to work out a compromise with a similar measure the House passed. Lawmakers are expected to present a bill for Obama's signature next month.

Voting against the measure were Sens. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.; Russ Feingold, D-Wis.; and Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

The major difference in what Obama sought and what the Senate granted was the \$80 million the president wanted for closing the U.S. detention facility at the naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Senate joined the House in blocking the president's plan for closing the prison until he submits a detailed plan for the disposition of the about 240 terror suspects held there.

Obama is sending more than 20,000 additional troops to Afghanistan.

With support forces, the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan

is expected to be about 68,000 by the end of the year — more than double the size of the U.S. force at the end of 2008.

Among the few cautionary voices during debate over the spending measure was Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

"I want to give this administration ... the resources it needs to successfully end these wars," Boxer said. "I don't support an open-ended commitment of American troops to Afghanistan. And if we do not see measurable progress, we must reconsider our engagement and strategy there."

The underlying war-funding measure has gotten relatively little attention, even though it would boost total approved spending for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars above \$900 billion.

The Pentagon would receive \$73 billion under the legislation, including \$4.6 billion to train and equip Afghan and Iraqi security forces; \$400 million to train and equip Pakistan's security forces; and \$21.9 billion to procure new mine-resistant vehicles, aircraft, weapons and ammunition, among other items.

The House version adds \$11.8 billion to Obama's request, mostly for new vehicles and weapons. The House measure also adds \$2.2 billion to Obama's request for foreign aid.



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

President Barack Obama walks into the White House's Rose Garden on Friday to sign the Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act.

Obama signs bill to reduce defense waste

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama granted the Pentagon new power to rein in wasteful defense spending Friday, a change he said was long overdue.

Standing with leading congressional players on the South Lawn of the White House, Obama signed the weapons acquisition overhaul bill, which passed unanimously in both the House and Senate this week. The president said the bill will crack down on huge cost overruns and increase competition for contracts.

"Every penny we waste on this effort because of no-bid contracts or cost overruns is not only an affront to American taxpayers, it's an affront to our military," Obama said.

The president said he would do whatever it takes to ensure the safety of the American people, but rejected the notion "that we need to waste billions of dollars to keep this nation secure."

Obama cited one government study, which found that roughly \$295 billion of taxpayers' money was wasted last year on cost overruns involving 95 programs.

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A Pakistani flag flies over government troops perched on top of a defense position Thursday at a former base of Taliban militants, which overlooks the Swat Valley, Pakistan.

Pakistani troops encircle Taliban base; U.N. seeks aid

By CHRIS BRUMMITT
The Associated Press

KHWAZAKHELA, Pakistan — Troops are encircling Taliban militants in their mountain base as well as the main town in the Swat Valley, a Pakistani general said Friday, as the U.N. appealed for \$543 million to ease the suffering of nearly 2 million refugees from the fighting.

Elsewhere in the northwest, a car bomb exploded close to a movie theater in the city of Peshawar, killing at least six people and wounding 80 others, witnesses and police officer Saleem Khan said. Authorities blamed militants that have targeted theaters before in the region, believing them to be un-Islamic.

With skepticism growing about the progress of the month-old army offensive in the northwestern region, the army flew reporters from foreign news organizations into Swat on Friday.

An Associated Press reporter aboard the helicopter saw no cars and few people in the town of Mingora or on roads farther up the valley, a former tourist haven just 60 miles from the capital, Islamabad.

From the air, there was little evidence of the fierce fighting and airstrikes that the military claims have already killed more than 1,000 militants as well as some 60 soldiers.

But a senior commander insisted the army was trapping militants in Mingora and Piochar, a side-valley farther north that is the stronghold of Swat Taliban leader Maulana Fazlullah.

"The noose is tightening around them. Their routes of escape have been cut off," Maj. Gen. Sajad Ghani said. "It's just a question of time before [Taliban leaders] are

eliminated."

Pakistan launched an offensive last month to halt a Taliban advance from Swat toward the capital, Islamabad, that prompted U.S. warnings about the stability of the nuclear-armed country.

While the U.S. has praised the military operation, it is also contributing to a gathering effort to shield the government from the political fallout from the humanitarian crisis.

Officials say 1.9 million people have fled the fighting. More than 160,000 are staying in sheltering camps just south of the battle zone. The rest have been taken in by relatives.

The United Nations said its appeal would help provide food, schooling and health care to the multitude displaced from the Swat area and by fighting in other border regions last year.

"The scale of this displacement is extraordinary in terms of size and speed and has caused incredible suffering," said Martin Mogwanja, the acting U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Pakistan.

"We are calling for generous support from the international community."

The U.N. said the figure included some \$88 million from the United States, which this week pledged total assistance of \$110 million in emergency aid.

The government said Thursday that international donors had pledged a total of \$224 million. Pakistan, which is heavily dependent on foreign aid, has pledged \$100 million of its own.

The Obama administration has declared eliminating militant havens in Pakistan vital to its goals

of defeating al-Qaida and winning the war in Afghanistan.

But an army failure or a botched relief effort in Swat would further undermine Pakistani enthusiasm for tough military action inside its own borders.

Schloesser reports insurgents crossing border into Pakistan

By FISNIK ABRASHI
The Associated Press

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — The top U.S. general in eastern Afghanistan said Friday he saw "some very interesting movement" of insurgents across the border into Pakistan this spring, possibly to join Taliban militants battling government troops.

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser's comments come amid concern in Washington and Islamabad that the buildup of 21,000 additional U.S. forces in Afghanistan may push Taliban militants into Pakistan, further destabilizing the border region in that country.

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Fighters have historically moved back and forth across the border to back Taliban insurgents in both countries.

But Schloesser's remarks in an interview with The Associated Press suggested a larger transfer into Pakistan than has been seen previously, as the fighting between Pakistan's troops and the Taliban has intensified.

He suggested that most of the movement in the past has been from Pakistan into Afghanistan, calling the new development "an interesting movement backward."

He did not provide details or numbers of those heading toward

Pakistan.

It is unclear to what extent the Taliban is moving to help militants in Pakistan or fleeing from U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Schloesser suggested that both factors could be at play.

Pakistani officials have long complained that insurgents were crossing over the porous border from Afghanistan into Pakistan.

They have also expressed worries that the surge of U.S. troops into Afghanistan could lead to more militants crossing over into their country. Pakistani military officers say that Afghan, Tajik and Uzbek fighters are taking part in the current fighting in Pakistan's Swat Valley and in other border regions, but that the vast majority are Pakistani.

Schloesser, who commands American troops in eastern Afghanistan, suggested that some of the current movement may be intended to reinforce Taliban fighters in Pakistan.

"I would suppose that ... some of that movement is fighters going back to help their insurgent groups that are involved in fighting, for example in Bajur or the fighting that is occurring in Buner or in the Dir area or potentially even in Swat," Schloesser told The Associated Press in an interview.

Pakistani troops launched an offensive last month in the Swat region against militants who had pushed into the adjacent Buner district within 60 miles of the capital, Islamabad.

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Woman is third to be charged in GI's death

BELTON, Texas — Seven months after a Fort Hood soldier was found stabbed to death in his apartment, a third person has been charged in his murder — his ex-girlfriend who started receiving \$100,000 from his life insurance policy after he died.

Kathryn Nellie Briggs, 27, of Austin, was charged with capital murder and remained in the Bell County Jail on \$750,000 bond Thursday.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Michael Sullivan was found dead Oct. 14 in his off-post apartment in Killeen after officials from his unit were worried when he did not show up for physical training. Sullivan died from repeated stab wounds from a sharp object, according to an autopsy report.

Trial dates set for 7 soldiers in slaying

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Military trials will begin in July for some of the seven soldiers charged in the death of a fellow soldier they subdued after he became unruly at a bar, a military judge ruled.

Four of the seven Fort Bragg-based paratroopers charged in the death of Pfc. Luke Brown, 27, of Fredericksburg, Va., appeared Thursday in a military court, The Fayetteville Observer reported Friday.

Arraignments for two others will be held this week and a seventh already has been assigned a trial date. The first trial will be July 13-17 and the last so far scheduled will be Sept. 8-11.

Female soldier found dead at Fort Hood

FORT HOOD, Texas — Fort Hood officials are investigating the death of a soldier found in her house, one of two incidents in as many days at the Central Texas Army post.

Spc. Crystal Joy Carney, 21, of Houston, was found unresponsive in a house on the post Sunday and was pronounced dead of unknown causes after emergency personnel arrived, according to a Fort Hood news release issued Thursday.

Carney entered the military in 2007 as an automated logistical specialist and was assigned to the 289th Quartermaster, 15th Special Troops Battalion, 15th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command in July.

From The Associated Press

Soldiers welcomed home at Baumholder



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Spc. Milika Slaughter gets reacquainted with her daughter after returning to Baumholder, Germany, on Friday. Some 350 soldiers of the 1st Armored Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team marched into the gym in Baumholder, ending their deployment to Iraq. Earlier in the day, several hundred soldiers with the 2nd BCT had also returned from Iraq. Units from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team started deploying from Baumholder early in 2008 and spent most of their time working with the Iraqi army, national police and the civilian forces, such as the "Sons of Iraq," to improve security. The 2nd BCT lost 12 soldiers during the deployment.



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Gates: Obama had no choice on Gitmo order

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates says the Obama administration had no choice but to order the shutdown of the prison at Guantanamo because "the name itself is a condemnation" of U.S. anti-terrorism strategy.

In an interview broadcast Friday on NBC's "Today" show, Gates called the facility on the island of Cuba "probably one of the finest prisons in the world today." But at the same time, he said it had become "a taint" on the reputation of America.

In an interview taped Thursday aboard the retired World War II-era aircraft carrier USS Intrepid, the defense secretary said that once the decision was made to close Guantanamo, "the question is, where do you put them?" He said Obama would do nothing to endanger the public and said there has never been an escape from a "super-max" prison in this

country.

Of criticism the president's plan would jeopardize people's safety, Gates said: "I think that one of the points ... was that he had no interest whatsoever in releasing publicly detainees who might come back to harm Americans."

Gates said "we have many terrorists in United States' prisons today," and he decried "fear-mongering about this."

The Gates interview was broadcast a day after Obama and former Vice President Dick Cheney, in speeches that occurred almost simultaneously, escalated the public argument over the new administration's anti-terrorism policy and claims by Republicans that it has put the nation at risk.

Obama campaigned against keeping Guantanamo open when he ran for president, and he also said he was opposed to aggressive interrogation tactics that opponents call torture. When he took office, he signed orders providing



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Servicemembers walk near an entrance to the Guantanamo detention facility at Guantanamo Bay naval base in Cuba on May 13.

for the closure of Guantanamo by January 2010, and he also prohibited extreme interrogation practices, such as "waterboarding," in the country's anti-terrorism strategy.

He also said that some of the terror suspects held there would be brought to top-security prisons in the United States.

"There are no neat or easy answers here," Obama said in a speech in which he pledged anew to clean up what he said was "quite simply a mess" at Guantanamo that he had inherited from the Bush administration.

Gates praises soldier in pink

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates says American soldiers have more than their military might and training on their side in the war in Afghanistan. Some have pink underwear.

Gates told an audience in New York about Spc. Zachary Boyd, routed from sleep by enemy fire on his post in eastern Afghanistan.

"He immediately grabbed his rifle and rushed into a defensive position clad in his helmet, body armor, and pink boxer shorts that said 'I Love New York,'" Gates said Thursday night.

"Any soldier who goes into battle against the Taliban in pink boxers and flip-flops has a special kind of courage," Gates said.

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IN THE WORLD

Biden: U.S. backs Lebanon's leaders

BY BASSEM MROUE
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Vice President Joe Biden reaffirmed strong American support for Lebanon's government Friday as the deeply divided country prepares for crucial elections in two weeks that could see the pro-Western faction ousted by Iranian-backed Hezbollah and its allies.

Hezbollah has accused Washington of trying to influence the June 7 vote in favor of the pro-Western faction that dominates the government. The militant group said the visits by Biden and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton a month ago raised "strong suspicion and amounted to a clear and detailed interference in Lebanon's affairs."

Hezbollah flexed its muscle by holding a mass rally in the southern city of Nabatiyah to mark the 2000 departure of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon. Tens of thousands of flag-waving supporters listened to leader Hassan Nasrallah's video address on a giant TV screen.

Biden is the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit Lebanon in more than 25 years. Pro-Iranian militants targeted Americans with bombings and kidnappings in the 1980s during the civil war, leading to a 12-year U.S. ban on citizens traveling to the country that was lifted in 1997.

The vice president's visit following so closely after Clinton's underscores U.S. concerns about a possible win by Hezbollah, which is considered a terrorist group.

"Lebanon has suffered terribly from war and we have a real opportunity now ... for peace," Biden said after talks with President Michel Suleiman. "So I urge those who think about standing with the spoilers of peace not to miss this opportunity to walk away from the spoilers."

With the election 16 days away, the nation is in the throes of an increasingly abrasive election campaign that has split voters into two main camps. A pro-Western faction made up mainly of Sunnis favors close ties to America, France and moderate Sunni Arab countries while the other faction is dominated by Shiites and backed by U.S. foes Iran and Syria.

Hezbollah, which has a strong anti-Israel agenda, is looking to strengthen its political hold beyond the veto power it currently has in the government. The Shiite group has only 14 seats in the 128-seat parliament, but got the veto power after a show of force a year ago when its gunmen overran Sunni neighborhoods in Beirut. Hezbollah and its allies have a total of 58 seats, while the Western-backed majority holds 70.

The coalition dominated by the heavily armed Hezbollah stands a good chance of winning, which could increase the influence of its sponsors Iran and Syria in the region. Israel and U.S. Arab allies

such as Saudi Arabia and Egypt are concerned about the growing influence of Iran in the Middle East, especially through the militant groups Tehran backs such as Hezbollah and Hamas in Gaza.

Biden said the U.S. does not wish to interfere in the elections, but the timing of his visit clearly delivered a boost to the pro-Western faction.



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Vice President Joe Biden poses with soldiers at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo on Thursday at the end of a three-day trip through the Balkans.



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South Korea's Chief Justice Lee Yong-hoon announces the Supreme Court's support for right-to-die legislation during a meeting on Thursday. The landmark ruling allows a family to remove a comatose patient from life support.

South Korea's highest court gives support to right-to-die legislation

BY HYUNG-JIN KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea's Supreme Court ordered a Seoul hospital to heed a family's request to suspend life support for a 76-year-old woman in a coma, a landmark ruling that heralded a shift in the country's attitudes on death.

A 2008 survey indicated that, for the first time, a majority of South Koreans favor stopping life support for the terminally ill.

In February, a group of lawmakers proposed a "right to die with dignity" bill, but parliament has yet to vote on it for fear of a backlash from South Korea's sizable Christian and Buddhist communities.

The 76-year-old patient at the heart of Thursday's ruling has been in a vegetative state since suffering brain damage in February 2008. Her family asked doctors at Yonsei University's Severance Hospital to remove her from life support, saying she had always opposed keeping people

alive on machines if there was no chance of revival.

The hospital refused, citing a South Korean law that forbids physicians from taking patients off respirators or life support.

The children of the woman, identified only by the surname Kim, sued the hospital for the right to remove her from life support.

In November, a Seoul District Court sided with the family and ordered the patient's respirator removed. Severance Hospital appealed the ruling, but an appellate court upheld the verdict in February.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court upheld both rulings and ordered the hospital to remove the woman from life support, Chief Justice Lee Yong-hun said, calling the family's request "just."

The nation's top court had never before ruled in support of a patient's right to die.

Severance Hospital said it would abide by the ruling.

In N. Korea, cell phones can now access Web site

BY KWANG-TAE KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea has begun limited Internet service for mobile phone users, a government Web site reported, months after launching an advanced network in cooperation with an Egyptian telecommunications company.

The service allows North Koreans to access a Web site through their phones to see news reports carried by the country's official Korean Central News Agency as well as news about the capital Pyongyang, according to the government-run Uriminzokkiri Web site.

The Korean-language Web site as seen on an ordinary computer screen also allows viewers to listen to North Korean music, get information about books, art and investment opportunities in North Korea and even engage in Internet chatting. It was unclear, however, if those services were available in the mobile version.

Uriminzokkiri did not give any further details in its report Thursday on whether the service is restricted to the capital Pyongyang or is available elsewhere.

North Korea introduced an advanced mobile phone network in partnership with Cairo-based Orascom Telecom in December. That marked the first time that North Koreans were allowed to use cell phones since a previous, short-lived mobile service was shut down without explanation in 2004.

Orascom said at the time that the 3G network was initially deployed to cover Pyongyang, which has a population of more than 2 million, with plans to expand coverage to the entire country over the next few years.

The number of mobile phone users had reached 20,000 by the end of March, including some foreigners, Tokyo-based Choson Sinbo newspaper, considered a mouthpiece for the North Korean regime, said earlier this month.

Mobile phone use in authoritarian North Korea comes with restrictions. Phones do not allow contact with the outside world, or with the special telephone networks that foreigners are normally permitted to use inside North Korea.

2nd missile launch may be coming

The Associated Press

TOKYO — North Korea has warned ships to steer clear of waters off a coastal city near a missile launch base, Japan's coast guard said Friday, suggesting Pyongyang may be preparing for a short-range missile test.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency also reported heightened activity near a military base Friday, saying that indicates the North is preparing to carry out a short-range, ground-to-ground missile test.

The apparent preparations came less than two months after the isolated communist nation launched a rocket, prompting U.N. condemnation. North Korea responded with threats to carry out more missile and nuclear tests.

On Friday, Yonhap cited unnamed government sources as saying there have been brisk movements of vehicles with mobile launchers in the North's northeast coast for the past few days.

Officials at the South Korean Defense Ministry and the Joint Chiefs of Staff could not confirm the Yonhap report.

A Japanese coast guard ship

picked up a North Korean broadcast Thursday warning its ships to stay away from the northeastern city of Kimchaek, coast guard spokesman Shinichiro Tanaka said.

He added that Pyongyang gave no reason for the warning, which is effective until May 30.

Tanaka stressed Japan's coast guard will not send patrol ships following the warning.

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Accidental millionaires run with money to China

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A businessman and his girlfriend, whose bank accidentally handed them a \$6.1 million credit line, have managed to flee the country with more than a third of the cash, the bank said Friday.

An international search is under way for the couple, who may have fled to Hong Kong or China.

On Friday, a New Zealand woman told the TV3 network that the couple sought by police were her daughter, Kara Yang, and Yang's boyfriend, Leo Gao, who were traveling with Yang's 7-year-old daughter, Leena.

SAT copy allegedly leaked from S. Korea

SEOUL — A U.S. educational organization is investigating allegations that a student in South Korea leaked a copy of a standardized SAT college admissions exam to fellow students in the United States, an official said Friday.

A South Korean who was believed to be applying for admission to a U.S. university, appears to have smuggled SAT test papers out of an exam in Seoul in January, and then e-mailed copies to a South Korean student in the U.S. who was to take the same exam a few hours later, South Korean broadcaster MBC reported.

The test papers also were circulated to South Korean students in a U.S. high school, MBC said, but did not give any further details and spoke on condition of anonymity, citing the continuing probe.

Child wins earthmover in online auction bid

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A New Zealand mom made some online bids on toys before napping.

Then her 3-year-old daughter took over and bought a bigger plaything than expected — a huge earth-moving digger for a cool \$12,300.

Pipi Quinland made the winning 20,000 New Zealand dollar (\$12,300) bid on the Kobelco digger with a few mouse clicks at the auction site TradeMe while her parents slept, the Rodney Times newspaper reported in northern New Zealand.

TradeMe reimbursed the seller's costs for the auction and the digger was relisted.

From The Associated Press

Gaza dad's loss draws Israeli sympathy

By KARIN LAUB
The Associated Press

JEBALIYA, Gaza Strip — Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, a Gaza infertility specialist, is a familiar figure to Israelis — a Palestinian who crossed the lines of enmity years ago to work in Israeli hospitals and become a frequent guest on Israeli TV and radio.

But the interview he did on Jan. 16, as Israeli forces waged war on Gaza's Hamas rulers, was horrifyingly different: Israeli tank shells had just killed three of his daughters, and he was phoning an Israeli journalist friend, live on the air, to plead for help in evacuating the wounded, including another daughter and a niece.

Four months later, far from voicing bitterness over his loss, Abuelaish is trying to turn his tragedy into hope, raising money for a scholarship fund for Gaza girls and an Israeli hospital, and preaching reconciliation.

"We need to open our eyes, our minds and to have big hearts, to smash the mental and physical barriers and borders, to build the broken trust," said the Harvard-trained son of a Gaza laborer, sitting in the apartment where 14-year-old Aya, 15-year-old Mayar and 21-year-old Bissan were killed two days before the war ended.

At a time when President Barack Obama has begun a

round of meetings with leaders on how to end the Middle East conflict, Abuelaish's story illuminates the reality at ground level. With Israelis and Palestinians increasingly separated by fences and fear, it has offered a rare example of suffering on one side drawing empathy from the other.

Born in Gaza's largest refugee camp, the eldest of nine children, the 54-year-old doctor navigates easily between worlds.

During the Gaza war, launched to end Hamas rocket fire on Israeli border towns, Israeli journalists often turned to him for a Gaza perspective, delivered in his fluent Hebrew. Abuelaish, a widower, and his children, ages 6 to 21, spent the war in their apartment on the second floor of the five-story family building he shares

with his brothers and their families in the town of Jebaliya, close to the border with Israel.

On Jan. 16, Abuelaish was due to be interviewed by phone by Channel 10, a commercial Israeli TV station. Four of his older daughters — Aya, Mayar, Bissan and 17-year-old Shada — were in their room that day, along with his niece Noor, 17. Shortly after 4:30 p.m., the first shell crashed into the home. Abuelaish ran to the girls' room. Aya, Mayar, Bissan and Noor were dead, their bodies torn, pools of blood on the floor, he said. Shada was badly wounded in the right eye and hand.

He scooped up Shada. A second shell struck, critically wounding 12-year-old niece Ghaida and two of the doctor's brothers. Fearing that Ghaida would die and Shada go blind, he called his friend, Shlomi Eldar, Palestinian affairs reporter for Israel's Channel 10 TV.

Eldar aired their conversation live. Viewers heard the doctor's pleas to evacuate the wounded to Israel, interrupted by his cries of grief. Eldar also fought back tears as he urged anyone from the Israeli military who was watching the program to help the doctor. Then he worked the phones to get someone to rescue the family, said Ofer Shelah, a Channel 10 anchorman.

"Everybody was flabbergasted," he recalled. "It was a very shocking, human moment for everyone involved."

Palestinian ambulances couldn't reach the house for fear of coming under Israeli fire.

raeli fire, so the family left on foot for the nearest Palestinian hospital, with teenagers carrying the wounded on makeshift stretchers. After many phone calls, Gaza ambulances drove the wounded to the border for a transfer to Tel Hashomer that was covered live by Channel 10.

Shelah said he believes the doctor's tragedy changed attitudes. Israeli public support for the offensive remained strong, as a justified response to years of rocket fire, but Abuelaish made them empathize for the first time with Gaza civilians. "He is such a winning person and his response was so noble that you couldn't sweep it under the rug as Palestinian propaganda," Shelah said.

The doctor is taking up a teaching position at the University of Toronto in the fall and will probably leave with his surviving children, Abdullah, 6; Ghafa, 9; Mohammed, 13; Dalal, 20; and Shada. Shada's eyesight was saved, and last week she was at home sitting in front of a pile of books, cramming for her high school finals.

Abuelaish will also spend part of each year teaching at Haifa University in Israel, and plans to return to Gaza in five years.

He plans to write a book about his life to make the case for co-existence. In partnership with Tel Hashomer, he is helping to raise money for a conference center there, to be named after his daughters.

"I have a future, I have my people, and hatred and revenge can be driven out by love and wisdom," he said.



It's only been four months since two Israeli tank shells slammed into the home of Palestinian Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, left, killing three of his daughters — seen above — and burning the sight of their mangled bodies into his memory. But the Gaza infertility specialist who worked for years in Israeli hospitals is not bitter.

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Peacekeeping poses challenge for Sri Lanka

Many groups concerned about the 280,000 displaced Tamil civilians

BY EMILY WAX
The Washington Post

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Every 15 minutes, Sri Lankan state television halts its normal programming to broadcast patriotic images of women in lush tea fields at sunrise, workers building power lines and troops standing guard, all accompanied by a soaring anthem in which a young beauty calls for the country's president to be crowned king.

On the streets of the capital, billboards proclaim, "King Ma-hinda Rajapaksa: He saved us" beneath a photograph of the president hugging his brother Got-abhaya Rajapaksa, Sri Lanka's defense minister, and apparently glorying in the military victory that this week ended a quarter-century of war with the Tamil Tiger separatists.

"Everyone's heartbeat is just like my song and the billboards," said Saheli Rochana Gamage, 21, whose rendition of the anthem has made her a celebrity in this small Indian Ocean island nation. "He should be our president forever. We are happy with a king who can protect our country. Elections don't matter."

At a time when insurgencies elsewhere seem to be expanding, notably in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the Rajapaksa brothers were able to do what five Sri Lankan presidents, eight governments and more than 10 ceasefires could not: win a war against a movement that the FBI has called "the most ruthless and efficient terror organization in the world."

Despite the elation, however, the human cost of their accomplishment is also becoming clear: Power has been consolidated around a ruling family, a humanitarian crisis looms, and civil rights and media freedoms have been rolled back.

Perhaps the most pressing problem is the situation of more than 280,000 people, mostly Tamils, who have been driven from their homes in recent months, many of them traumatized women and children who were used as human shields or forced to huddle in trenches or the jungle during fighting. They are now living in

overcrowded, highly controlled government-run camps, fenced in by barbed wire. Sri Lanka stands at a crossroads, many here say.

"Sri Lanka has won the war. But now they have to win the peace, which is a very difficult challenge," said Erik Solheim, Norway's minister for international development, who worked for 10 years with the warring parties and brokered a failed ceasefire in 2002. The government must make all communities feel they are Sri Lankans, he said.

"They also have to share local power in the north where many of the Tamils live," Solheim added. "The president will have to rise to the occasion. It's an enormous chance for him to do well or fail."

Human rights groups are especially concerned about a number of children allegedly abducted from the camps by pro-government Tamil paramilitary groups and questioned about links to the Tamil Tiger rebels, according to the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers. The fate of many young Tamil Tiger fighters who surrendered to the armed forces is also unknown.

Lakshman Hulugalle, director general of the Defense Ministry's media center, declined to comment on the treatment of those accused of "terrorism" and defended sealing the camps to journalists.

"It's a private matter for Sri Lanka," Hulugalle said. "The problem here is terrorists fight like civilians. They dress like civilians. Just because they drop the gun doesn't mean they aren't terrorists."

After a spike in suicide bombings following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, the Tigers reportedly carried out two-thirds of all such attacks in the world. India on Thursday marked the anniversary of the 1991 killing of then-Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi by a suspected Tiger female suicide bomber, apparently in revenge for his sending a peacekeeping force to Sri Lanka.

Solheim said closing the camps to aid workers and journalists "for any reason is completely unacceptable and dangerous for those inside."

"The international community



SRI LANKA ARMY, HO/AP

Sri Lankan troops celebrate the victory over Tamil Tiger rebels in Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka. Aid groups and the U.N. appealed to be allowed to survey the aftermath of the final battle of Sri Lanka's civil war and pushed for unfettered access to some 280,000 Tamils displaced from the former combat zone.

must, and I mean must, get into these camps," he said.

The United States and Britain, two key members of the International Monetary Fund, have said they will link the release of a \$1.9 billion bailout loan to improvements in Sri Lanka's treatment of war-displaced civilians.

On Thursday, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton Thursday telephoned Rajapaksa to urge political reconciliation and speedy resettlement of displaced Tamil civilians.

Few question the need for security, but civil society leaders worry that the country's mood of blind patriotism will encourage the government to ignore international standards for the treatment of war criminals and Tamils they suspect are rebel sympathizers.

At the heart of the insurgency are the long-standing grievances of the country's largely Hindu and Christian Tamils, who make up about 15 percent of the nation's 21 million people. Some Tamils say they have suffered economic marginalization and racial discrimination at the hands of the Sinhalese Buddhist majority.

One key issue will be the timeline for resettlement of the displaced Tamils. If they stay in the camps too long, advocates say, they could be sidelined as the north is rebuilt and could also have diffi-



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon talks to media Friday on a plane heading to Sri Lanka from Germany. Ki-moon was traveling to Sri Lanka to discuss reconciliation and the conditions of the Tamil civilians displaced by the war.

culty reclaiming their farms.

After a meeting with an Indian delegation Wednesday, Sri Lankan officials vowed to return most of the displaced civilians to their homes this year. Rajapaksa also called on Sri Lankans on Thursday to make peace.

"The celebration of this vic-

tory, as deep as it is felt, should be expressed with magnanimity and friendship towards all," the president said.

The Sri Lankan government has produced a stream of war propaganda, including books on Tamil Tiger killings and films showing soldiers saving civilians.

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Obama signs law on credit card practices

Under new rules, 45 days' notice must be given before rate increases

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama warned overeager shoppers and greedy credit card companies alike on Friday to act responsibly as he signed into law a bill designed to protect debt-ridden consumers from surprise charges.

The White House staged a signing ceremony in the Rose Garden, an indication of the legislation's importance to Obama. Though opposed by many financial companies, the bill cleared Congress with broad support.

Obama made clear that he didn't champion the changes with the intention of helping those who buy more than they can afford through "reckless spending or wishful thinking."

"Some get in over their heads by not using their heads," the president said. "I want to be clear: We do not excuse or condone folks who've acted irresponsibly."

done folks who've acted irresponsibly. And yet, he said, for many of the millions of Americans, trying to get out of debt has been made difficult and bewildering by

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their credit card companies.

Nearly 80 percent of Americans have credit cards and half of those carry a balance, according to the White House. The Federal Reserve estimates the nation is some \$2.5 trillion in debt, a figure that does not include home mortgages.

Obama said many people have gotten "trapped" because of the downturn in the economy that has turned family budgets on their heads. But, he said, "part of it is the practices of the credit card companies."

He criticized policies that allowed for confusing fine print; the sudden appearance of unexplained fees on bills; unannounced shifts in payment deadlines, interest charges or rate increases even when payments aren't late; and payments directed to balances with the lowest interest rates rather than the highest.

"We're here to put a change to all that," Obama said.

The new credit card rules, which go into effect in nine months, prohibit companies from giving cards to people under 21 unless they can prove they have the means

to pay the debt or a parent or guardian co-signs. A customer also will have to be more than 60 days behind on a payment before seeing a rate increase on an existing balance. Even then, the lender will be required to restore the previous, lower rate if the cardholder pays the minimum balance on time for six months.

And consumers also will have to receive 45 days' notice and an explanation before their interest rates increase.

Despite being touted as a victory for consumers, financial experts said the bill could have unintended consequences as credit card companies look for ways to make up for potential lost revenue. Those measures could include more cards with annual fees and the loss of a grace period before interest accrues, which would affect even those consumers who pay off their balance each month.

Last year, the Nilson Report estimated that more than 700 million credit cards were in circulation in the United States. That's more than two cards for every man, woman and child.



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A customer holds her credit card at Best Buy in Mountain View, Calif., on Friday. The new credit card law is receiving widespread kudos as a victory for cardholders.



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Wash. has first assisted suicide under law

BY RACHEL LA CORTE
The Associated Press

Olympia, Wash. — A 66-year-old woman with terminal cancer has become the first person to die under Washington state's new assisted suicide law, an advocacy group said Friday.

Linda Fleming, of Sequim, died Thursday night after taking drugs prescribed under the "Death with Dignity" law

that took effect in March, said Compassion & Choices of Washington.

The organization says Fleming was diagnosed last month with advanced pancreatic cancer. She would have had to have been diagnosed by two doctors as terminal in order to qualify for assisted suicide.

Officials with the advocacy group said Fleming died at home

with her family, her dog and her physician at her bedside.

"The pain became unbearable, and it was only going to get worse," Fleming said in a statement released by the organization.

A physician prescribed the drugs, but patients in assisted suicides must administer the drugs themselves.

The new law was approved in

November with nearly 60 percent of the vote. It is based on a 1997 Oregon measure, under which about 400 people have ended their lives.

Under both states' laws, physicians and pharmacists are not required to write or fill lethal prescriptions if they are opposed to the law. Some hospitals have opted out of the law, which precludes their doctors from partic-

ipating on hospital property.

In Washington, any patient requesting fatal medication must be at least 18, declared competent and be a state resident.

Two doctors would have to certify that the patient has a terminal condition and six months or less to live. The patient must also make two oral requests, 15 days apart, and make a written request witnessed by two people.

Pelosi dogged by statement CIA lied about waterboarding

BY ANNE FLAHERTY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans aren't letting this one slide.

The GOP has seized on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's accusation the CIA lied about using waterboarding, contending that the California Democrat's remarks have demoralized the intelligence community. House Republicans on Thursday demanded a bipartisan panel investigate her allegations.

Democrats beat back the proposal, calling it a political ploy. Republicans Ron Paul of Texas and Walter Jones of North Carolina joined Democrats in a 252-172 vote to block the resolution.

"This is a serious matter," House Democratic leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said of whether CIA personnel used an interrogation method, waterboarding, or simulated drowning, that President Barack Obama has called torture.

"But it's not being treated seriously. It's being treated politically."

Some Republicans say the enhanced interrogation techniques were necessary to gain valuable intelligence after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Earlier this month, Pelosi told reporters that she had not been told that waterboarding had been used against terrorism suspects, even though it had been. When asked whether she was accusing the CIA of lying, she said "yes."

Pelosi has asked the CIA to de-classify information supporting her claims. The CIA sent lawmakers its notes and memos, but that document has been found to

include several errors.

At a news conference on Friday, Pelosi declined to answer additional questions on the topic. Instead, Pelosi had stuck faithfully to her script, saying Democrats were making progress on other issues.

"I have made the statement that I'm going to make on this," she told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference. "I don't have anything

more to say about it. I stand by my comment."

Ken Spain, spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, issued a statement

after the news conference calling Pelosi a political liability to the Democratic party.

"Her obsession with the previous administration and her disdain for America's intelligence officials has reduced her to cheerleader status within the far left wing of her party and a distraction to the substantive debate over how to best move our economy forward," said Spain.

CIA Director Leon Panetta acknowledged in a May 6 letter to House Intelligence Committee Chairman Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, that the CIA's list may not be completely accurate.

"In the end, you and the committee will have to determine whether this information is an accurate summary of what actually happened," Panetta wrote.

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Alleged pirate pleads not guilty

NEW YORK — A Somali teenager accused of leading a pirate attack on an American cargo ship off the coast of Africa pleaded not guilty Thursday to piracy charges.

Afterward, Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse's lawyers said he has been kept in solitary confinement since being captured in his impoverished nation and brought to the United States last month — a predicament that's left him scared and confused. They continued to deny the U.S. government's claim that their client is 18.

"He's a boy who fishes and now he's ended up in solitary confinement," said one of the lawyers, Deirdre von Dornum. "It's truly terrifying."

Muse's age has been in dispute since his arrest. His family has said he is as young as 15, but a magistrate judge concluded he could be tried as an adult since there was evidence that he is 18.

Search for crash survivors ends

SAN DIEGO — The Coast Guard has suspended a search for two missing members of a Navy flight crew whose helicopter went down on a training flight southwest of San Diego.

Petty Officer Jetta Disco says the search was called off about noon Thursday. She says it's unlikely the two could have survived more than 36 hours in the ocean after Tuesday night's crash. The bodies of three other crewmembers were recovered Wednesday.

1 dead, 1 injured in jet crash

CALIFORNIA CITY, Calif. — A military jet crashed during a training mission over the Mojave Desert, killing the pilot and injuring a crewman who ejected, the Air Force said Friday.

Capt. Mark P. Graziano, 30, was pronounced dead at the scene after his T-38A jet went down at about 1:15 p.m. Thursday near California City, about nine miles north of Edwards Air Force Base.

Maj. Lee V. Jones, a senior navigator, ejected from the twin-engine plane. He was listed in stable condition at a Bakersfield hospital, a statement from the base said.

Both men were assigned to the Test Pilot School at the base. Graziano was training to be a test pilot and Jones was training to become a test navigator.

The crash is under investigation by a board of officers. The base did not disclose any other details.

Space shuttle landing delayed

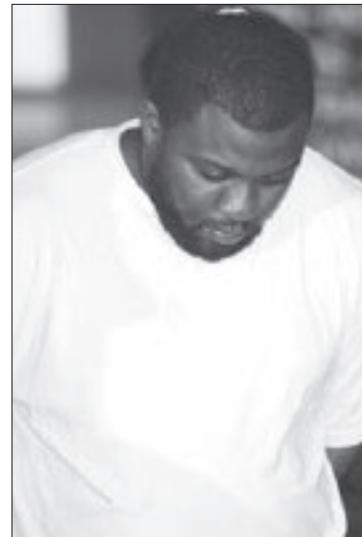
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Thunderstorms prevented space shuttle Atlantis and its crew from landing Friday, leaving them to circle the Earth hoping the weather would improve by the following day.

The news came as no surprise to the seven astronauts, who are wrapping up a successful mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. For days, the weather outlook had been grim. By dawn, all the forecasts proved to be true and there was no hope of improvement, forcing NASA to pass up both of Friday morning's landing opportunities.

NASA is now aiming to bring Atlantis back on Saturday morning after 12 days of flight, if not at Kennedy Space Center then possibly at the backup landing site, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The shuttle has enough supplies to stay up until Monday.

NASA prefers a Florida touchdown because it costs \$1.8 million to haul a shuttle cross-country atop a modified jumbo jet.

From The Associated Press



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Police officers lead James Cromitie, left, Oonta Williams, center, and David Williams, right, from a federal building in New York on Thursday, after arresting them on charges related to a bombing plot in the Bronx. The three men and a fourth suspect — Laguerre Payen — were arrested Wednesday.

Alleged plotters all have rap sheets

4 suspects served time for selling drugs, attempted assault

By MICHAEL HILL
AND JIM FITZGERALD
The Associated Press

NEWBURGH, N.Y. — The four men accused of plotting to bomb New York City synagogues and shoot down military airplanes with missiles are ex-convicts living on the margins in a faded industrial city.

One is a petty criminal who spent a day in 2002 snatching purses and shooting at people with a BB gun from an SUV. His lawyer calls him "intellectually challenged."

Three have histories of drug convictions, one of them for selling narcotics in a school zone. The man prosecutors portrayed as the instigator of the scheme said he smoked pot the day he planned to blow up the temples.

They went to Wal-Mart for cameras to photograph their targets and called around to get guns, prosecutors said.

The men were dangerous people fueled by their hatred for Jews and America, prosecutors said. The plotters managed to get their hands on what they thought were lethal explosives and a surface-to-air missile system, only to find out that they were inert devices supplied by the FBI in a sting operation.

"It's hard to envision a more chilling plot," assistant U.S. attorney Eric Snyder said. "These are extremely violent men."

On Friday morning, dozens of rabbis, priests and imams, as well as elected officials and members of the police department, met at one of the targeted synagogues, the Riverdale Jewish Center.

"We stand with all New Yorkers of conscience against the poisonous hatred that drove four men to attempt murder and destruction," said a group statement.

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. told community members at the meeting: "Let this moment not be defined by four idiots, by four cowardly thugs and their plan — let it be defined by the many voices of different religions, the song that we should sing as one united choir."

With an informant's help, the FBI monitored the plot every step of the way, according to a criminal complaint.

James Cromitie, David Williams, Oonta Williams and Laguerre Payen appeared in court Thursday on charges of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction within the U.S. and conspiracy to acquire and use anti-aircraft missiles. They did not enter pleas and were held without bail; they face life in prison if convicted.

Besides destroying the two synagogues in the heavily Jewish Riverdale section of the Bronx, they intended to shoot down planes at the Air National Guard base in Newburgh, prosecutors said.

Relatives said the defendants were struggling men who worked at places

such as Wal-Mart, a landscaping company and a warehouse when they weren't behind bars. Payen's lawyer said he was on medication for schizophrenia and has "a very low borderline" IQ.

David Williams' relatives were floored by the allegations against a man they knew as a good father to his 7-year-old daughter and newborn son.

"You don't raise your children to be terrorists," said Aahkiyah Cummings, the 28-year-old man's aunt. "I don't know that guy that was arrested."

Oonta Williams, 32, and Cromitie have also served prison sentences for drug convictions; Cromitie said in court he had used marijuana as recently as Wednesday. He said he was 55, though law enforcement records give his age as 44. Payen, 27, has done time for attempted assault. Payen appears to be a Haitian citizen, while the other three are Americans. The Williamses are not related.

New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said he believed the defendants knew each other from their time behind bars. Relatives said Payen, David Williams and Oonta Williams were introduced to Islam in prison, where conversion to the faith is common.

In December, Cromitie told the informant, whom he met at the Masjid al-Ikhlas mosque, that he needed explosives and surface-to-air missiles, the complaint says.

Tobacco companies lose appeal in fraud case

By NEDRA PICKLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court on Friday largely agreed with a landmark ruling that found cigarette makers deceived the public for decades about the health hazards of smoking.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington upheld the major elements of a 2006 ruling that found the nation's top tobacco companies guilty of fraud and violating racketeering laws.

The ruling said manufacturers must change the way they market cigarettes.

It bans labels such as "low tar," "light," "ultra light" or "mild," since such cigarettes have been found to be no safer than others because of how they are smoked.

It also says the companies must publish "corrective statements" on nicotine's adverse health effects and addictiveness.

The changes have not taken effect while the case has been under appeal.

Tobacco companies have denied committing fraud in the past and said changes in how cigarettes are sold now make it impossible for them to act fraudulently.

The government filed the civil case under a 1970 racketeering law, commonly

known as RICO, used primarily to prosecute mobsters in cases in which there has been an effort to commit fraud.

The suit was first filed in 1999. The Bush administration later pursued it after receiving early criticism for attempting unsuccessfully to settle it.

The defendants in the lawsuit were: Philip Morris USA Inc. and its parent, Altria Group Inc.; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.; British American Tobacco Ltd.; Lorillard Tobacco Co.; Liggett Group Inc.; Counsel for Tobacco Research-U.S.A.; and the now-defunct Tobacco Institute.

GMAC gets \$7.5B more in treasury aid to stay afloat

By JEANNINE AVERSA
AND MARCY GORDON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Auto lender GMAC Financial Services will receive \$7.5 billion in additional government aid to keep loans flowing to would-be buyers of GM and Chrysler vehicles and shore up its capital position — marking the second time the government has stepped in to prop up the lender.

To help GMAC raise additional funds, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took the rare step Thursday of allowing the jilted company to gain access to its debt guarantee program. GMAC will be allowed to issue as much as \$7.4 billion in debt, guaranteed by the FDIC in case the company defaults on payment.

In addition, the Federal Reserve waived rules to give GMAC's new bank, called Ally Bank, more leeway to make loans to GM customers.

Analysts suggest that the new government support will make GMAC a lending powerhouse that will give GM and Chrysler a huge advantage over their competitors — including U.S. rival Ford Motor Co., which hasn't taken any government aid.

It would have the power to offer better loan terms to buyers of GM

and Chrysler cars and trucks as a way of steering business to those automakers.

GMAC received \$5 billion in December from the Treasury Department's \$700 billion financial bailout program in exchange for 5 million common shares and the promise to extend financing to dealers of Chrysler LLC, which is restructuring under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

After failing the government's bank stress test, the Treasury Department mandated earlier this month that GMAC raise \$11.5 billion in additional capital, including \$9.1 billion of new Tier 1 capital.

But GMAC, which reported a first-quarter loss of \$675 million, has seen rising defaults in its auto finance division. That, combined with soured assets in its Residential Capital LLC mortgage unit, made it difficult for the company to raise capital from private investors.

So in addition to \$4 billion in aid to support GMAC's new loans to Chrysler dealers and customers, the government agreed to inject \$3.5 billion to help the company bolster its capital cushion.

"This new arrangement with GMAC will help provide a reliable source of financing to both auto dealers and customers seeking to buy cars," Treasury Sec-



The government deepened support for the battered domestic auto industry on Thursday by providing GMAC Financial Services with \$7.5 billion in additional aid to keep loans flowing to buyers of GM and Chrysler vehicles. General Motors Acceptance Corp.'s headquarters in Horsham, Pa., is shown above.

retary Timothy Geithner said Thursday.

GMAC is expected to detail its plans to raise the rest of its capital needs by the government's June 8 deadline.

GMAC Chief Executive Alvaro de Molina said Thursday the Treasury's latest action marked "another major step in stabilizing and strengthening" the company.

The Treasury said it won't immediately hold an equity stake in the lender but will soon exercise its right, under an earlier agreement, to swap an \$884 million loan it made to General Motors Corp. for an equity share in GMAC.

The Treasury said it expects to exercise that right "in the very near future," giving it a 35.4 percent stake in the company.

Lawmakers ask for more time for closing dealerships

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Underperforming Chrysler dealers targeted for closing should get more time to wind down their car dealerships, lawmakers said Thursday, as several groups urged the Obama administration to reconsider its work to restructure the faltering U.S. auto industry.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, pushed a plan to give Chrysler dealers 60 days to close their dealerships instead of three weeks outlined by the

firm. Hutchison and Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., later spoke with Chrysler President Jim Press, who assured them the firm would try to provide a soft landing for the dealers.

Hutchison said the government's decision late Thursday to inject \$7.5 billion into auto lender GMAC would help remaining Chrysler dealerships buy vehicle inventories from dealerships scheduled to close.

The dealership closings were among several areas of concern for lawmakers, bondholders and consumer groups.

South Carolina's governor sues AG in power struggle

By JIM DAVENPORT
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — First, South Carolina's governor refused to accept federal stimulus money for his state's struggling schools. Then the Republican vetoed a state budget that required him to take it.

This week, Gov. Mark Sanford sued his own state's elected officials in federal court, arguing the government can't tell him what to do.

Observers and critics say prolonging the months-long fight with the White House and his own GOP-controlled Legislature won't help his rumored 2012 presidential bid but will hurt programs that need money.

"It seems to me like the governor is sticking hard and fast to his principles and sees consensus-building as a sellout," said Blease Graham, a University of South Carolina political scientist. "I don't see much benefit for the state — or his political future in the state."

Only Sanford and his few political allies dispute the need for the cash. Sanford says the stimulus cash takes the pressure from legislators to reduce government spending and get rid of waste. If the right cuts are made, the need for federal stimulus cash would fall.

But legislators say plenty of cuts already have been made. The current year's budget started at \$7 billion but the recession forced cuts of more than



South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford outlines the reasons on Tuesday for his vetoes on the state budget in a news conference in Columbia, S.C.

\$1 billion. Without the \$700 million over two years from Washington that Sanford has rejected, educators predict hundreds of teacher layoffs, colleges forecast tuition hikes and lawmakers say prisons won't be able to operate.

"What we'd be doing is opening the prison doors and saying, 'Gentlemen and ladies, go,'" said state Sen. Hugh Leatherman, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, as he pushed the overrides earlier in the week.

The court fight over the money was expected and allows Sanford to further object to President Barack Obama's \$787 billion economic stimulus package, which he's contended devalues the dollar and will open spending gaps when the money runs out.

On Wednesday, minutes after lawmakers overrode his vetoes, Sanford sued his own attorney general.

Stimulus veto makes Palin lone governor to reject funds

By RACHEL D'ORO
The Associated Press

structed under energy efficiency standards between 2009 and 2017.

"The governor believes these are decisions best left to local governments," Rehfeld said.

Sens. Bill Wielechowski and Lesli McGuire, both of Anchorage, had urged Palin to accept the money. Wielechowski, a Democrat, said Thursday that Alaska was close or had reached the federal mandate.

"The way it's set up if one state rejects the money, it doesn't go back to federal treasury, it gets divvied up to every other state that accepted it," he said. "Basically the governor has written a check out to the other states."

Sen. Mark Begich, an Alaska Democrat, said nearly a third of the requests sent to his office were related to energy reduction.



Palin

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Q Angelina Jolie is set to star in a movie based on one of Patricia Cornwell's best-selling mysteries. Will there be a franchise? — J.A., Roeland Park, Kan.

A Cornwell says she's "excited" that Angie is participating, but she doesn't know how many of her 16 books (a 17th is in the works) will make it to the screen. "Each movie will likely be an amalgam of more than one novel," a source tells us. Vote for your favorite book turned movie at Parade.com/book

Q Did Jennifer Aniston have any warning that things weren't working out with John Mayer? — Shirley Chamberlain, Vero Beach, Fla.

A Yes. A member of Aniston's family tells us that Jen's corgi mix, Norman, growled and hid whenever Mayer spent the night at her Beverly Hills mansion. At the time, the "Friends" star couldn't understand her dog's behavior. Now, our source says, her boyfriends must pass Norman's sniff test.



Jen Aniston and John Mayer give photographers a rare public glimpse of the couple together Feb. 22 at the Vanity Fair Oscar party in Hollywood.

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Novel idea: Angelina Jolie to play a part inspired by a Patricia Cornwell story.

Q "Days of Our Lives" star Alison Sweeney recently had a baby — as did her TV character. Does her real daughter play her baby on TV? — Aubrey Jinks, Bullard, Texas

A No. "I act with three sets of twins, plus I have two children of my own at home," says Sweeney, who has played Sami Brady for 16 years and also hosts NBC's "The Biggest Loser." "Some days I feel like a baby wrangler." Of course, she's talking about the kids, not the contestants.

Q Will America's position in the world be affected by the enthusiastic reception the Obamas received throughout Europe? — Dean Quinlan, Kittery, Maine

A Though conducting foreign policy isn't a popularity contest, world leaders are no different from the rest of us — they like to associate with winners.

Q In how many of his own movies did Alfred Hitchcock do cameos? — Linda Tanko, South Euclid, Ohio

A At least 37 of his 50-plus films. According to one of his biographers, David Freeman, "Hitch would say, 'Everyone is waiting for me to appear' and he did the cameo early in each film so as not to distract from the plot."

Q Linus Roache, the new assistant D.A. on "Law & Order" is British. How does he manage his American accent? — K.M., Centreville, Va.

A With difficulty. "It makes life a little harder, because I can't just learn dialogue and speak it," says Roache, who comes from an acting family in northern England. "I have to keep practicing the rhythms to get them right. But I played Bobby Kennedy in a TV movie, and I've always enjoyed working in an American accent."

Q Why don't we see more of Aidan Quinn? — Jeanne Faubell, Falls Church, Va.

A "Because I'm not in the top category of box-office stars," Quinn tells us. "I do a lot of wonderful roles in great independent movies, like The 5th Quarter with Andie MacDowell, but the indie world isn't high up on people's radar."

Q What's the greatest rock 'n' roll song of all time? — Pat Darbro, Bozeman, Mont.

A Listeners of many classic rock stations regularly vote Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" No. 1. However, we'd choose Otis Redding's "Respect." The song became a feminist anthem once it was covered in 1967 by the incomparable Aretha Franklin — the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the person Barack Obama chose

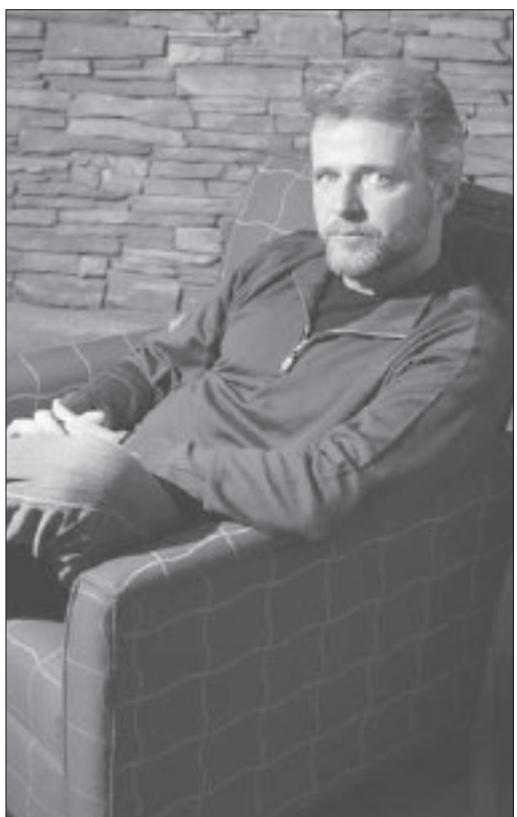


“Days of Our Lives” soap star Alison Sweeney knows a thing or two — or six or eight — about babies.

to sing at his inauguration. Vote for your favorite song at Parade.com/rock

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While no one was watching, Aidan Quinn got old.

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Baldwin sort of apologizes for remark

Alec Baldwin is apologizing for making a joke about getting a Filipino mail-order bride that provoked a sharp response in the Philippines.

The Emmy-winning actor quipped during a May 12 interview on "The Late Show with David Letterman" that he would love to have more children and that he was "thinking about getting a Filipino mail-order bride at this point ... or a Russian one."

On Wednesday, Baldwin posted on The Huffington Post that he was apologizing "to anyone who took offense." He said, "I believe that most people understood that this was a joke and took it as such."



Baldwin

Patti Blagojevich to join show husband couldn't

Ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich wasn't allowed to appear in a network TV reality show in Costa Rica, so his wife will appear instead.

A federal judge barred Blagojevich, who faces federal corruption charges, from being on the NBC show "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here" because it would send him out of the country. But his wife, Patti, accepted an offer from the network to appear instead and went to Los Angeles earlier this week to film a promotional shoot, said Glenn Selig, the Blagojevich's publicist.

The couple appeared on NBC's "Today" show Thursday to announce the move. Patti Blagojevich said she hopes her appearance on the reality series will help show that she isn't the profanity-spewing person portrayed on federal wiretaps.

Green Day lashes out at Wal-Mart policy

Green Day has the most popular CD in the country, but you won't be able to find it at your local Wal-Mart.

The band says the giant supermarket chain refused to stock its latest CD, "21st Century Breakdown," because Wal-Mart wanted the album edited for language and content, and they refused.

"Wal-Mart's become the biggest retail

GODPARENTS?

Paris Hilton already has her sights set on the godparents of her future children. The heiress wants David Beckham and Victoria Beckham to be her kids' godparents because they're both "so hot." She hopes to have kids as beautiful as theirs, perhaps with her current boyfriend Doug Reinhardt, whom she's dubbed her "future hubby."



— Wireless Flash



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outlet in the country, but they won't carry our record because they wanted us to censor it," frontman Billie Joe Armstrong said in a recent interview.

While Wal-Mart sells CDs from acts known for raunchy content, including Eminem's latest, they offer customers the "clean" version of those CDs, which are edited for content that may be objectionable. But in Armstrong's view, "There's nothing dirty about our record."

"They want artists to censor their records in order to be carried in there," he said. "We just said no. We've never done it before. You feel like you're in 1953 or something."

Wal-Mart said that it's the company's long-standing policy not to stock any CD with a parental advisory sticker.

Legend rocks NYC rooftop

John Legend hopes his Show Me charity will show others that everyone can make a difference to help end world poverty.

The 30-year-old singer held a posh benefit dinner for his 2-year-old non-profit organization on Tuesday night, and celebrated the event with an intimate performance for his invited guests.

But more than his music, Legend wanted people to take away from the event the message that individuals have to step up to change the circumstances of the poor.

"Our organization by itself can't do it, but we believe we can be part of the solution and we don't want to wait around for everybody else to do it," he said in an interview at the dinner, which was attended by Wyclef Jean, former New York Giants player Tiki Barber and others.

"We're funding a village in Tanzania and we're seeing positive results on the ground that show that our work is making a positive impact over there, and if we were just to replicate that throughout the world, we can see a lot of progress made," Legend said.

— The Associated Press

LET'S DANCE



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American director Quentin Tarantino, left, and cast member French actress Melanie Laurent dance on the red carpet as they arrive for the screening of the film "Inglourious Basterds" during the 62nd International film festival in Cannes, France, on Wednesday.

Eminem: Worth the wait?

REVIEW: Eminem, "Relapse"

Every summer, some character from a past blockbuster comes back to entertain yet again. They tease with the notion that this time will be just as thrilling as the last — but usually disappoint.

Last year, it was Indiana Jones. This year, it's Eminem's Slim Shady. Rap's demented antihero — the star of Eminem's best-selling CDs and biggest hits — has returned to torment us once again on "Relapse," Eminem's first full studio album in almost five years.

"I guess it's time for you to hate me again/Let's begin, now hand me the pen," he chants in the refrain of "Medicine Ball," a nonsensical ode to menacing behavior that includes everything from a Christopher Reeve insult to pill-popping references.

The problem is, what "Relapse" (Interscope) inspires more than hate is indifference. When Eminem and his alter-ego Slim Shady made their debut a decade ago, not only were the raps a lot wittier, they also introduced us to a sinister darkness that was shocking and revelatory at the same time: We feel as if we were getting an insider's view of a tormented soul gleefully upending society.

Four albums later, we get the picture. Adding new layers of gore, misogyny and hateful epithets doesn't make it any fresher, especially if the rhymes are progressively weaker. "Bagpipes from Baghdad" skewers Mariah Carey, but wasn't that so 2003? Is Marshall Mathers still carrying a torch for Carey? And does anyone care?

Equally dated is the weak first single, "We Made You," which takes shots at Sarah Palin and the romance between Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer ... which fizzled four months ago. Even if the romance was still relevant, the celebrity potshot comes off as a rote attempt to capture the magic of songs like "Without Me" without any of the sizzling rhymes.

But Eminem didn't become known as one of the best rappers alive (some say the best) for nothing, and "Relapse" proves that he's still an unparalleled storyteller. Unfortu-

nately, that proof comes only in spurts, like on the alternately tragic and hilarious sex abuse tale "Insane" and "My Mom," on which he points the finger yet again at his horrid mother — but this time, for his dependence on over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

In fact, the best moments come from Eminem's worst moments — when he details the real reason behind his rap exile, his yearslong addiction. On songs like "Deja Vu" and "Stay Wide Awake," he makes you feel empathy for his ordeal: "And you'd think with all I have at stake/Look at my daughter's face/Mommy something is wrong with dad I think," he says on "Deja Vu," a downbeat, powerful track about his drug free fall.

"Beautiful" has the potential to be both maudlin and downright corny, with its sample of Queen's "Reaching Out," as Eminem pleads to have someone walk a mile in his shoes to see his painful vantage point. But the confessional contained within is excellent and engrossing.

If only "Relapse" had more of this to offer. But the Dr. Dre-helmed CD puts more effort in doing out shock humor than illuminating tales, and suffers for that choice. Instead of giving us a new script, we get a story we've seen before.

CHECK THIS TRACK OUT: Did Marshall Mathers' mom do anything right? On boozing "My Mom," he talks about a mother so wicked she chops drugs up in her son's food to keep

him out of her hair, laying the foundation for his future drug abuse: "My mom, loved Valium, and lots of drugs/that's why I'm on, why I'm on, 'cause I'm my mom."

— Nekesa Mumbi Moody/AP



Eminem performs at the Sound Board theater inside the MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit on May 19.

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Sunday Horoscope

A difference of views isn't necessarily a bad thing. When opinions clash, life gets interesting. There's also a better chance for learning to take place, as defending your view often makes you see the strengths and weaknesses in it. If you have an ongoing argument happening, the new moon in Gemini wipes the slate clean for the conversation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 24)

You have a fine command of your personal life. You will assert yourself when it's appropriate, and go along for the ride when that promises to be pleasant. Because of your easygoing nature, love relationships become stronger than ever. Financial strides in July allow you to develop your talent, perhaps with formal education. Virgo and Scorpio adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your creativity isn't as focused as it could be. Some of the scattered seeds of your imagination may be struggling to germinate. A decision will fix the problem. Choose one thing to work on and don't quit until it's done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You have evolved as a creative individual. Your thoughts and deeds reflect the change. Continue in your new pattern. You will begin to reap the benefits of your practice and study.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You don't want much, but you're rather particular about what you do want. Be exact. Describe your precise desires. You will be amazed at how specifically the universe will fill your order today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You do not have to muster up an escape fantasy because a real invitation arrives asking you to take part in a great adventure. If possible, accept it. If not, visit some new place this evening with a free-spirited friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You feel pressure from others to make big sweeping decisions and you're just not ready to make them. Good judgment is your calling card. Do things

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in your own time frame and everyone benefits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may be smothered with kisses, crushed by hugs and adored so intensely you might have to call for a break. Or the attention may come in the form of gifts, phone calls and lingering, longing looks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A new cycle begins. Because of your devotion to wisdom, you are entrusted with crucial matters. You have shown that you are now able to receive the responsibility of immense power.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Obstacles are positive because they force you to calm down and be in the moment. Impatience is weakness — something to remember when you have to wait on someone who is taking forever.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your life is filled with study, perhaps not formally, though. You're always observing, tinkering and gaining insight as to how things and people work. Today, even when you seem idle, you're working out a solution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your own behaviors seem unlike you. But that's how it's been lately. Abnormal happens so often, it's the new normal. Go with this strange state of mind, knowing that it's temporary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's a fine day to accomplish as much as you can on your own, from cutting the lawn to making small repairs. Otherwise, you could pay for help that is more of a hindrance or have to redo work that someone else did.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) So what if you don't get it right on the first, second or millionth time? Keep trying. And if you never get it right, that doesn't matter either. Life is a series of experiments. The more experiments you try, the more you will have lived.

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Take a moment to remember nation's fallen servicemembers

— Carmella La Spada, Executive Director, White House Commission On Remembrance

Dear Carmella: I hope my readers will take your letter to heart. Each of the men and women who laid down their lives for this country was someone loved and cherished by family and friends. They are deeply missed. We are all diminished by their deaths, as indeed, we are enriched by the example of their courage and dedication.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: Tomorrow is Memorial Day. Please invite your millions of readers to observe the National Moment of Remembrance by pausing wherever they are at 3 p.m. in honor of our fallen.

Memorial Day (first called Decoration Day) began in 1868 to remember those killed in the Civil War. Since World War I, Memorial Day has been a time to honor all those who have died in service to our nation, from the Revolutionary War to the present.

To unite the country in remembrance, Congress officially established the National Moment of Remembrance in 2000. More than a million men and women have died for our freedom. Their sacrifices for us live on in each constitutional right we enjoy.

On Memorial Day, Major League Baseball games will stop, Amtrak trains will blow their whistles, and 6,200 Buglers Across America will play "Taps," while citizens everywhere pause to honor those who sacrificed for our freedoms.

The National Moment of Remembrance is a small down payment in our debt to remember these precious souls.

When he's mad at me, the filth is directed my way. That may be why profanity upsets me so much. Sometimes it makes me literally sick to my stomach.

Also, the most recent book by my favorite author includes many instances of the "F-word," which she has never done before. I'm tempted to write her and say that I read her for pleasure and am put off by the language. Should I?

—Non-Cusser In Nebraska
Dear Non-Cusser: When filth is directed at someone, it qualifies

as verbal abuse, a weapon used to show contempt and destroy another person's sense of self-worth. Of course, what it shows is that the swearer, besides being a bully, isn't smart enough to come up with vocabulary that adequately describes his (or her) feelings powerfully enough to have them appreciated. Because the verbal abuse your husband hurls at you is so hurtful it literally sickens you, it's time for you to take a closer look at why you continue to tolerate it. And as to your favorite author, by all means write and tell her that as a loyal reader you thought her last book was a real turn-off and why.

Dear Abby: If someone says, "I owe you an apology," but says nothing more, is that an apology? If an apology is "owed," shouldn't the person say, "I'm sorry?"

— Still Miffed in California

Dear Still Miffed: When someone says, "I owe you an apology," it is an admission of guilt, not an apology. What you have described is a half-hearted, "miserly" effort to make amends. The apology is implied, but not clearly stated, and frankly, I can see why you're still miffed.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

'Meat' comment to love interest reveals deeper relationship truth

I'm 32, and deeply in love with this 24-year-old girl. I've never had trouble attracting women, but there was chemistry between us I didn't know was possible. There was a complication: She's engaged to and lives with a disabled man. She said she didn't love him anymore, and wasn't going to marry him, but refused to tell him or anyone in her life about us. She claimed she loved me and wanted to spend her life with me, but eventually admitted she wasn't leaving him anytime soon. My mounting hurt made me say things I regret, like that she has no clue what love is, and that she was nothing to me but a piece of meat.

I apologized, explaining I said those things out of pain, but she says they're unforgivable. Well, her fiance has screamed "unforgivable" things to her over the phone, and he's still around. It's been seven months, and I can't seem to get over this. I'd do anything to reconcile.

— A Mess

It was all going so swimmingly — you met this fabulous woman, had this incredible connection, and she told you she loved you and wanted to spend the rest of her life with you. Only one tiny

complication: just not enough to stop spending it with the other guy.

While there's never a good time to tell the woman you love that she's nothing but a piece of meat, your revelation probably came at a particularly good time for her.

It's likely she needed an out, but didn't realize it until you handed it to her, medium-rare, on a platter. Maybe her identity's wrapped up in the Flo Nightingale thing, and she's worried about what people will say if she ditches the guy.

Chances are, she's either too unformed as a person to decide what she wants or too afraid to express it. It's a pity, since you and she have at least one big thing in common: the idea that ignoring reality will make it go away, not just curl up behind you and use the extra time to sharpen its teeth.

If somebody you're dating has to keep you a secret, bells should go off in your head, and I don't mean the wedding kind.

More like those in an alarm clock — the kind for heavy sleepers that first plays a little tune (say, Cannibal Corpse's "Hammer Smashed Face"), then throws itself on the bed and starts

head-butting you. So, what does it take to wake you? Despite all her secrecy and stonewalling, you're still finding excuses to keep mooning after her, like how "deeply in love" you are. (Apparently, you've always dreamed of meeting a woman who'd take your heart in her hands — and then put it down on her kitchen counter and forget about it for a few months.)

You're still stuck on her because you're focusing on how great it was with her instead of how great it wasn't. She's a package deal, and the moment she said, "Whoops, look at the time, gotta go home to my fiance," it should have been clear she was a bad package.

You do say you two had "chemistry" you "didn't know was possible."

Well, good news! Now you know — which means you can seek it with somebody else; ideally, along with the empathy and ethics you took for granted.

It's gotta beat clinging to your fantasy of walking off into the sunset together — while doing everything in your power to drown out the likely reality: on either side of her fiance's wheelchair.

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2 charged in child's choking death

NY MINEOLA — The owner and assistant director of a Long Island day care center where a 2-year-old choked to death on a carrot stick were charged with reckless assault, recklessness, endangerment and running an unlicensed day care for toddlers.

Carousel Day School owner and director Eugene Formica, 64, and assistant director Kathryn Cordaro, 51, were arrested at the business, said Eric Phillips, a spokesman for the Nassau County district attorney.

The child, Olivia Raspanti, died March 17 after she and other toddlers began eating carrots found in a teacher's tote bag, prosecutors said. Moments later, the teacher noticed the child was choking, and CPR and other lifesaving efforts began.

Chicken lures 6-foot alligator from lake

TX SHERMAN — A live chicken helped lure a 6-foot-long alligator into a trap at a Sherman park that had been closed since the reptile surfaced.

Parks and Recreation administrator Kevin Winkler says the trap at Pickens Lake was checked and the alligator was inside.

The chicken, in a separate cage within the wire trap, was unharmed.

Stolen Lincoln stamp now on auction block

NY NEW YORK — A rare Abraham Lincoln stamp that was stolen from an Indiana collector in 1967 and surfaced 39 years later in Chicago will be sold at auction in New York next month.

Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries says the so-called Ice House Cover could go for \$300,000 to \$400,000 at the June 13 sale.

The 90-cent stamp with Lincoln's likeness is on an envelope mailed from Boston to an ice house in Calcutta, India, in 1873. Experts say it is the only known example of such a stamp actually used for postage.

The stamp vanished from its owner's safe in Indianapolis and turned up in Chicago in 2006, when a couple said they found it in the home of a dead relative. A collector recognized the stamp and notified police.

Wal-Mart plans will get public scrutiny

VA ORANGE — Hundreds of historians have had their say on Wal-Mart's plans to build a Supercenter near a Civil War battlefield in Virginia.

Now, Orange County residents get their chance to speak out on the matter.

The Planning Commission is not expected to vote immediately after the hearing on the special permit Wal-Mart will need to build the 138,000 square foot store. Supervisors will have the final say.

Led by the Civil War Preservation Trust, the Wal-Mart proposal



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has stirred protests from some of the nation's most respected historians.

School official: Snake not used as jump rope

PA PITTSBURGH — A spokeswoman for Pittsburgh Public Schools says a high school student swung around a snake from a biology class but didn't use it as a jump rope as police had said.

Schools spokeswoman Ebony Pugh said that "it's not a big enough snake to jump rope with."

She also says the albino corn snake is OK and didn't need to be treated by a veterinarian after the incident.

Police say the 17-year-old Taylor Allderdice High School student will be charged with theft and cruelty to animals.

Astronaut accepts new job from space

CO BOULDER — Astronaut John Grunsfeld has a new job lined up when he returns to Earth.

Grunsfeld, who is nearing the end of a successful NASA mission aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, has been named an adjoint professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

The university says Grunsfeld confirmed his acceptance of the



Almost home

The USS Hartford passes the Groton, Conn., shoreline en route to the submarine base in Groton after a monthlong surface transit of the Atlantic Ocean after a collision with a Navy amphibious ship in the Strait of Hormuz.

position in a "space e-mail" from Atlantis. He'll join the university's astrophysical and planetary sciences department.

Grunsfeld has participated in three spacewalks during the mission, including one to insert a \$70 million instrument on the Hubble Space Telescope.

Post office no longer open 24 hours

IL CHICAGO — The U.S. Postal Service will cease round-the-clock service at its last 24-hour post office windows in the country, located in downtown Chicago.

Officials with the U.S. Postal Service say they don't have enough customers to justify keeping the post office staffed all night with tellers.

They say they'll make the change on June 6.

Courthouse catches fire just before bicentennial

IN MADISON — Flames and smoke engulfed the 154-year-old Jefferson County Courthouse, which crews had been working to renovate in preparation for Madison's bicentennial next month.

The dome and the courthouse's central tower appeared to be severely damaged in video shown on television.

Fire crews from across southern Indiana and northern Kentucky were called to the scenic Ohio River city to battle the blaze.

Adult nightclub manager arrested for hiring teen

TX CORPUS CHRISTI — The manager of an adult nightclub has been arrested for allegedly hiring a 14-year-old girl to dance at the club, according to Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission investigators.

Jeffery Shawn Martinez, 34, was arrested at his home and charged with sexual performance of a child and employment harmful to a minor, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports.

"Based on the evidence we have uncovered, any reasonable person would believe she is 14," TABC Sgt. John Mann said. "She is a seventh-grader and has no business onstage at a gentleman's club."

'Most Mannerly' title switches cities

GA SAVANNAH — They've been rival Southern cities for 276 years, but Savannah and Charleston, S.C., aren't going to risk their courtly reputations by fighting over which one is "America's Most Mannerly City."

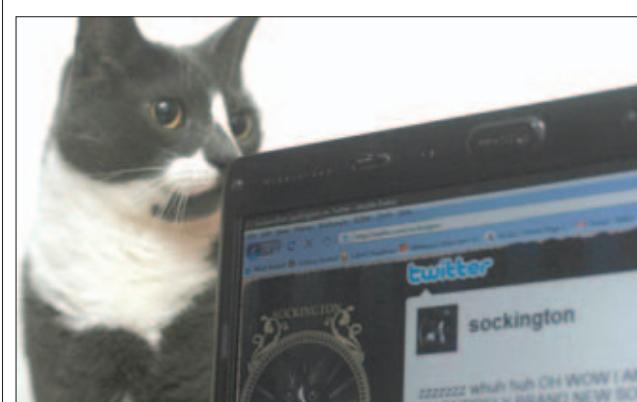
After a 12-year reign, Charleston officials have agreed with a survey's organizer that it has held the "Most Mannerly" title long enough, opting to cede it to its Colonial-era sister city on the Georgia coast.

"We've kind of reached the pinnacle," said Cindy Grosso, who owns the Charleston School of Protocol and Etiquette and assumed responsibility in 2007 for tabulating votes in the 32-year-old survey. "I just thought it's time to share the award."



Self-dunking

Fifth grader Hunter Davis relaxes under the water while enjoying a day of swimming with other students at the Waco Water Park in Waco, Texas.



Sniff and twitter

Waltham, Mass. Since late 2007, Scott, a 38-year-old computer historian and computer administrator has been tweeting from Sockington's perspective and finding a "Socks Army" of followers.



Back to the future

Fourth-grade students in Watertown, Wis. re-enact life in the early days of the country while in vintage attire during a Pioneer Day event at Watertown High School in Watertown, Wis. The annual event offers youngsters hands-on experience with activities typical of the era.



Helping with honors Wolf Cub Scout Dominic Pietsch, 8, places flags on veterans' graves with his father, Juan Pietsch, at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Lancaster, Pa. Several scouts gathered at the cemetery to honor the war heroes for Memorial Day weekend.

Inmate dies after four hours in outdoor cell

AZ PHOENIX — An Arizona inmate who died after spending nearly four hours in the desert heat was left in an outdoor holding cell for twice as long as she should have been, the state prisons director said.

Three corrections officers have been put on paid leave while the state investigates the heat-related death of Marcia Powell, who was left in her unshaded cell in 103-degree heat at a prison in Goodyear.

"The death of Marcia Powell is a tragedy and a failure," prisons director Charles Ryan said. "The investigation will determine whether there was negligence and will tell us how to remedy our failures."

Powell, who was serving a 27-month sentence for prostitution, was placed alone in the cell while being moved to an onsite detention unit.

Ryan said officers placed Powell in the cell after a disturbance at the detention unit, but he would not elaborate on the nature of the disturbance.

Martin Luther King Jr. exhibit opens in Atlanta

GA ATLANTA — The dream of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. has been interpreted by 70 artists in an exhibit opening at the King National Historic Site in Atlanta.

The "I Have A Dream: International Exhibition to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." opens at the site, which includes King's birth home and tomb.

Various tributes to the civil rights icon include depictions of struggle and activism, as well as works that address gender and race.

The exhibit was organized by city of Sitges, Spain, and features artists from every continent. It arrives in King's birthplace after stops in New York, Michigan and Tennessee and will continue to Alabama and Illinois before returning to Spain next year.

Panel won't renew police chief's contract

HI HONOLULU — The Honolulu Police Commission will soon begin searching for a new police chief after deciding against renewing the contract of current Chief Boisse Correa.

The commission's decision was announced after the panel met behind closed doors.

The 63-year-old Correa had requested a one-year extension.

But commission chairwoman Christine Camp says the city charter requires police chiefs to be hired under five-year contracts.

Camp says it is "in the best interests of the community" to seek a new chief.

Correa's current five-year term ends in August.

Camp also says the panel needs a chief who can commit to a five-year strategic financial plan and handle the budget mess caused by dwindling tax revenues.

NAACP charters new chapter in Grand Forks

ND GRAND FORKS — The NAACP says it has started a chapter in North Dakota.

Ronald Cooper is the president of the new state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He says the Grand Forks Northern Lights Branch is helping the group mark its centennial.

Cooper says an NAACP chapter must have at least 100 members.

He says 107 have signed up in Grand Forks so far. He says they come from across North Dakota and parts of Minnesota.

Cooper says the new North Dakota chapter leaves Vermont as the only state without one.

Man hospitalized with nearly-severed arm

NY HUNTINGTON STATION — Police say a Long Island man has been found with his arm nearly severed and may have been struck by a vehicle while walking home.

Suffolk County detectives say 37-year-old Huntington resident Daryn Riccardo had been found on a Huntington Station road with one of his arms almost severed.

Riccardo was airlifted to a medical center and underwent surgery. He is reported in serious condition.

Fort Sill to get new artillery regiment

OK FORT SILL — Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma says the U.S. Army plans to activate a new artillery regiment at Fort Sill near Lawton as a part of force restructuring.

Inhofe said in Washington that the presence of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment will mean an increase of 603 military personnel at Fort Sill by late 2010.

Inhofe says that as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure process, Fort Sill is hosting the Air Defense Artillery School that re-stationed from Fort Bliss, Texas.

He says the new battalion's role will be to provide high-to-medium altitude air defense against ground combat forces, cruise missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

Father who killed son is declared insane

VA VIRGINIA BEACH — A man who said he decapitated his 5-year-old son to save the boy from "the anti-Christ" has been found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Joseph Hagerman, 34, was arrested in February and charged with murdering his son and slashing his wife when she tried to save the child.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers supported the plea of not guilty by reason of insanity, which was accepted by Circuit Judge Patricia West.

West set a July 22 date to review Hagerman's mental status and determine whether he should remain at Central State Hospital in Petersburg.

Commonwealth's Attorney Harvey Bryant says he expects Hagerman will remain in custody for a long time.

This rocks An armless rocking chair designed by Louisiana State University architecture students Sarah Clement and Drew Wallace, tied for second place and won them \$975 in the Chair Affair Design Competition, a contest run by the American Institute of Architecture Students.



Chipping in for a chipper Lee Coleman pulls a woodchipper into his garage in Oak Park, Ill. Six neighbors all pitched in to buy the \$1,200 woodchipper by pooling their money for a big-ticket item that none would use regularly but all still needed yearly. Neighbors sharing an item is part of a trend as the economy worsens, experts say.

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Listening to President Barack Obama and former Vice President Dick Cheney give their respective national security speeches Thursday put me in mind of John Gray, author of "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus."

Different men, different planets. Or are they?

Obama, standing before the U.S. Constitution and speaking to members of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, was the calm voice of confidence, redeemer of reason. He spoke loftily of American ideals and invoked our better angels.

Reiterating his case for closing Guantanamo, voted down by the Senate a day earlier, he also said there's no guarantee that terrorists won't attack again or that Americans won't die as a result. But, we'll win anyway. How?

By being good people.

"Because the terrorists can only succeed if they swell their ranks and alienate America from our allies, and they will never be able to do that if we stay true to who we are; if we forge tough and durable approaches to fighting terrorism that are anchored in our timeless ideals."

Thus spoke Venus.

And I thought: What a good man. This is what America needs.

Then came Cheney. Speaking at the American Enterprise Institute, he pulled no punches in his criticism of the Obama administration's security policies or in defending the Bush administration's.

His voice was also calm and reasonable, his remarks simultaneously sharp and blunt. Cheney said he remains a strong proponent of enhanced interrogation, which he said was used with only "hardened terrorists after other efforts had failed." The interrogations "were legal, essential, difficult, successful, and the right thing to do."

Cheney was especially forceful in criticizing Obama's "selective release" of documents on the interrogation program

without also releasing the intelligence those interrogations produced.

"The public was given less than half the truth," he said. "The released memos were carefully redacted to leave out references to what our government learned through the methods in question."

Hail, Mars! I'm thinking: *This is just what the nation needs. Someone who shoots straight (well, figuratively speaking).*

So: Soaring, inspiring rhetoric on the one hand and gritty determination on the other. Two very different men, worlds apart in nearly every way. The old-timer with decades of experience and a shiv for a smile versus the newcomer with a moonbeam in his eye. Which

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one is right? Is the answer only a matter of ideology or is there some larger truth therein?

Perhaps both are right in their own time and place, given their experiences and perspectives. From the relative security of hindsight, it is easier to say what we might have done differently. As Cheney put it: "Watching a coordinated, devastating attack on our country from an underground bunker at the White House can affect how you view your responsibilities."

It may be that Obama was simply wiser than all those other Americans who supported the invasion of Iraq. Maybe he is a man of greater moral character than those in the CIA and Justice Department who determined that enhanced interrogations were justified to prevent another attack.

Obama said it best: "There are no neat or easy answers here."

But it is also true that seven years ago, the burden of protecting the nation from another attack did not fall on Obama's shoulders. Since taking office, he has discovered the weight of that burden and tweaked his promises and policies accordingly.

Transparency isn't always in the national interest, he said Thursday. Obama sounded like George W. Bush or Cheney when he reversed himself on releasing photos of detainee abuse in Iraq and Afghanistan,

saying that their release would inflame anti-American sentiment and further endanger American troops.

Likewise, Obama has reserved the right to order enhanced interrogation techniques should circumstances warrant. What would those be, one wonders? Perhaps a massive terrorist attack on American soil? Bloody right.

Yet, as Cheney said, Obama's team speaks "as if they have resolved some great moral dilemma" in how to get terrorists to talk. In reality, they've postponed the decision "while assigning a presumption of moral superiority to any decision they might make in the future."

Nobody ever said Obama wasn't artful.

Whether Obama's worldview is the right one — and Cheney's wrong — may become clearer with time. We can all pray that Obama doesn't have to experience the revelations that occur in the White House bunker. But if he does, we might also pray that the man from Venus indulges his inner Martian just a little.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

Don't lose GI ballots in shuffle
The (Clarksville, Tenn.) Leaf-Chronicle

Months prior to last year's November election, the U.S. government said it was working to ensure that the ballots of Americans living abroad, including those from the military, would be counted. For thousands of voters abroad, however, it didn't work out that way.

A new congressional report released this month found that because of what it called bureaucratic and communication problems, an estimated 1 in every 4 military and personnel and other Americans living abroad did not have their votes counted. ...

[Sen. Charles] Schumer's committee has been looking into possible problems with the Pentagon's existing Federal Voting Assistance Program, which is supposed to oversee the election process for those members of the military living overseas.

That's fine as far as it goes. But we still like the idea of bringing the Defense Department into this matter. The voting process remains largely a local matter. DOD could and should act as a bridge between the members of the military and these local election commissions.

The 2010 elections will be upon us before we know it. Let's make the time count between now and then so that those who are defending the representative democracy are assured of a voice in it.

'National security' claim misused
Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal

The Democrats can't have it both ways on torture. Neither can the Republicans.

So let's get it all out on the table and see who knew what, when.

Republicans, on the defensive about torture committed during the Bush years, and worried about what might come out, have gone on the offensive. They claim congressional Democrats knew a lot more than they are willing to admit, and that if a housecleaning is in order, the Democrats deserve their share of the blame.

We wholeheartedly agree. If Democratic leaders went along with the administration's policies without doing everything they could to block it, they deserve to be called on it. ...

But it raises another disturbing point. Congress practically has been stripped of its ability to check a rogue presidency by the executive branch's ability to cite national security. ...

Well, to paraphrase an old saying, expose them all and let the voters — and perhaps the courts — sort them out.

Pelosi disrespecting her office
The (Fargo, N.D.) Forum

The best option for Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, is to keep her mouth shut regarding what she knew or did not know about CIA waterboarding of detainees held by the U.S. The speaker has not distinguished herself with her defensive flip-flopping about briefings she received about the technique some five years ago. ...

No less than Leon Panetta, President Barack Obama's selection for CIA director, a Californian (like Pelosi) and a former Democratic member of the House, has all but said the speaker is a liar. Panetta and Pelosi served together for many years; in many ways they are political soulmates.

When she said the CIA has misled her, Panetta said the CIA does not and did not



mislead Congress. Observers of this drama can be sure that Panetta consulted with his boss, Obama, before pushing Pelosi from the frying pan into the fire.

If Pelosi were any other member of Congress, her prevarication (or selective memory) could be dismissed as inside-the-Beltway routine. But the speaker is third in line to the presidency. She is among the most powerful people in government, and therefore should be among the most responsible and honest. Her performance ... indicates that she is neither.

Speeches easier than solutions
The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News

Think or say what you will about President Barack Obama's stand on the tough issues of the day, but it can not be denied he is willing to take at least some of them on, especially when he can call upon his impressive powers of persuasion and oratorical skills.

Such was the case last Sunday when Obama took the stage at the University of Notre Dame to deliver a commencement speech at the nation's flagship Catholic university, took the issue of abortion head on and delivered an eloquent defense both of his pro-choice stance and the right of people and institutions like the church to staunchly advocate the pro-life position. ...

All this said, however, the deeper our first black president gets into his still young presidency, the more he is encountering problems that can't be fussed with finely reasoned speeches.

Currently, Obama is flip-flopping on issues like holding those responsible for torture accountable, on due process for detainees in what used to be called the war on terror and even on a time certain for the end of the war in Iraq. Then there is the economy and health care to be dealt with — issues where skilled oratory can only go so far. In fact, Obama would probably prefer to give a speech like the one at Notre Dame every day than deal with the many complex issues now before him.

Commander switch was needed
The (Louisville, Ky.) Courier-Journal

President Barack Obama, as commander in chief, was fully within his rights to fire Gen. David McKiernan as the top American commander in Afghanistan, as he and Defense Secretary Robert Gates did this month. Nevertheless, removal of a military chief at that level in wartime is rare and momentous. It is the first such dismissal in the U.S. military since President Harry Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his command in 1951 during the Korean War.

There are the inevitable stories of fric-

tion between McKiernan and the regional commander, Gen. David Petraeus, as well as of unhappiness on Gates' part with McKiernan's inattention to resources needed by U.S. troops. But the American public should not conclude that this was a step taken because of personal relationships. It reflects the belief of the president and the Pentagon leadership that the war in Afghanistan is going badly and that the course of recent events must be reversed to avoid a restoration of the Taliban and its allies to power in much of the country. ...

McKiernan has a conventional Army background. His replacement, Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, is a former commander of the Joint Special Operations Command, and he led forces that captured Saddam Hussein and killed Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, head of al-Qaida terrorists in Iraq. ...

McChrystal's appointment is an important step, but it is only one piece of a puzzle — one that is complex yet must be solved.

Economy slows illegal crossings
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Recent Mexican census data indicate that migration from that country into the United States dropped drastically — by as much as 25 percent — in the 12-month period that ended in August 2008, compared to the previous 12-month period. The reason given for not crossing the border — legally or illegally — by most of those interviewed for the Mexican government report was the significant drop in U.S. job opportunities.

In other words, the issue of illegal immigration into the United States — particularly in its most blatant form along the U.S.-Mexico border — is being resolved, to some degree, by the deterioration of the American economy. The most recent manifestation of that was the U.S. Department of Labor report that the economy had lost another half-million jobs last month.

Another intriguing part of the data is there is no indication that Mexicans — legal or illegal — already in the United States are returning to their native country in greater numbers in the face of the recession. In other words, they, like Americans, are waiting out the jobs drought in hopes that things turn up.

Let's hope they are right.

Single-payer should be discussed
Albany (N.Y.) Times Union

Earlier this month, eight courageous doctors, lawyers and other activists interrupted a Senate Finance Committee meeting on health-care reform to ask why there wasn't one advocate of a single-payer health care system at the table. Chairman Max Baucus, a Montana Democrat, had them arrested.

Shame on Baucus, and shame on Congress if it continues to stifle debate on one of the biggest issues facing this country.

To claim, as they have, that "everything is on the table" except a nationalized health insurance system, similar to what many other modern, industrial Western nations have, is much like saying the Thanksgiving meal is complete, except for the turkey.

We are not saying single-payer is necessarily the answer. We are saying that a full discussion of the future of health care in America can't take place if all credible potential solutions aren't examined. ...

We recognize that Democrats would want to avoid the more uncomfortable discussion. There are many — including New York's own Sen. Charles Schumer — who agree a single-payer system is the solution America needs, but that it isn't practical right now.

Well, if we can't even discuss it now — when the country is in a recession and the ranks of the uninsured are growing; when major industries like automakers are buckling, in no small measure because of health care costs; when Americans are poised for change and the party that promised it is in power — then when?

'War on drugs' exceeded its term
Los Angeles Times

The Obama administration is saying all the right things about the jumble of ineffective and vindictive laws, policies and practices that have made up this nation's so-called war on drugs. Shortly after he was confirmed, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that he would halt Drug Enforcement Administration raids on medical marijuana dispensaries. Then the Justice Department urged Congress to eliminate the 100-to-1 sentencing disparity in convictions for dealing crack and powder cocaine, which imposed long prison terms on predominantly black defendants.

The most recent reassurance comes from the new drug czar, R. Gil Kerlikowske. In an interview with The Wall Street Journal, Kerlikowske said it's time to retire the phrase "war on drugs." Good. It's as misguided as the policies it frames.

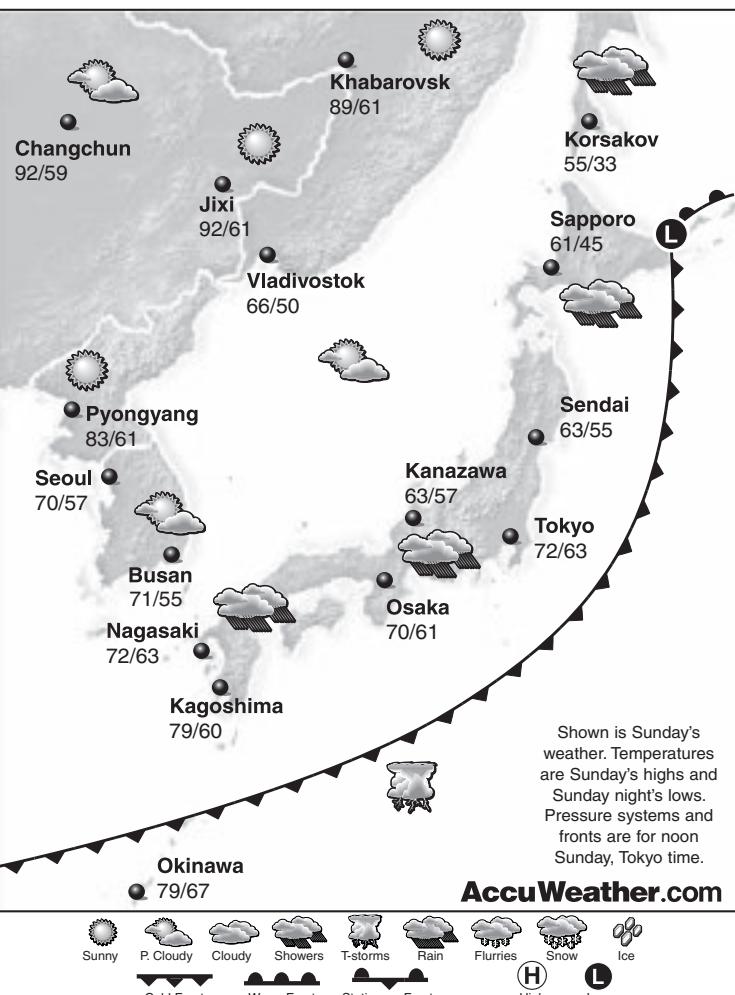
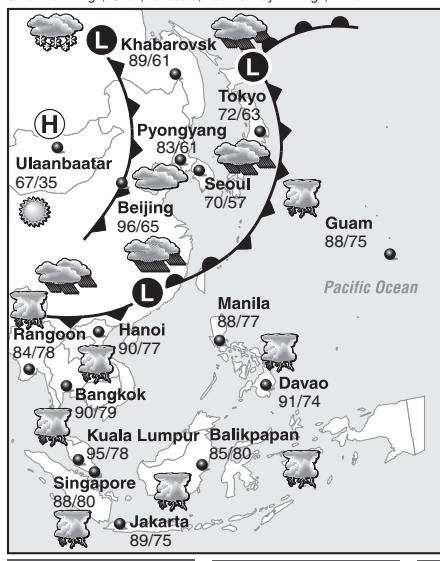
"Regardless of how you try to explain to people it's a 'war on drugs' ... people see a war as a war on them," he said. "We're not at war with people in this country." These sensible pronouncements inspire hope that the administration is moving toward a more rational approach. ...

By thinking of drug users as combatants in a war, the nation militarized a health problem. The phrase itself shaped flawed thinking and yielded disastrous policies. When he campaigned for the presidency, Barack Obama promised bold change on drugs. The old paradigm should follow the now-discarded phrase into history.

TIDE TABLES

Location	Sunday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	3:37 a.m.	10:34 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	10:56 p.m.
Sasebo	7:35 a.m.	1:56 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	2:08 p.m.
Naha	6:15 a.m.	12:25 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Hachinohe	1:35 a.m.	9:01 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	8:53 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	10:36 a.m.	5:31 a.m.	11:06 p.m.	5:26 p.m.
Kunsan	3:06 a.m.	10:03 a.m.	3:13 p.m.	10:06 p.m.
Guam				
Apa Harbor	6:11 a.m.	1:01 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	1:28 p.m.
Location	Monday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	4:13 a.m.	11:17 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	11:38 p.m.
Sasebo	8:17 a.m.	2:42 a.m.	9:37 p.m.	2:53 p.m.
Naha	6:56 a.m.	1:08 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	1:49 p.m.
Hachinohe	2:12 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	9:32 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	11:18 a.m.	6:23 a.m.	11:49 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
Kunsan	3:50 a.m.	10:48 a.m.	3:59 p.m.	10:49 p.m.
Guam				
Apa Harbor	6:51 a.m.	1:54 a.m.	9:32 p.m.	2:15 p.m.

For tides at other sites apply minutes to Naha tides:
Sukku, Ora Wan: -39, Sesoko Byochi: +11 high and low tide:
Unten Ko: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.



Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Sunday's highs and Sunday night's lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon Sunday, Tokyo time.

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MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	68	45	PClidy	Amsterdam	70	52	PClidy	Ashgabat	88	64	PClidy	Abidjan	91	49	Shwr	Algeria	83	60	PClidy
Edmonton	66	42	PClidy	Athens	86	69	Sun	Baghdad	110	70	Sun	Bogota	67	45	Tstm	Bahrain	65	51	Rain
Halifax	62	40	PClidy	Belgrade	86	65	PClidy	Cairo	89	68	Sun	Buenos Aires	68	57	Tstm	Barbados	84	77	Tstm
Iqaluit	38	29	Fly	Berlin	74	55	Clidy	Dhahran	114	85	Sun	Cancun	69	54	Sun	Barbados	90	71	PClidy
Montreal	68	52	Sun	Brussels	75	57	Clidy	Islamabad	114	74	Sun	Durban	81	61	PClidy	Bangkok	82	78	Shwr
Ottawa	70	47	Sun	Dublin	61	48	Sun	Incrilic	80	67	Sun	Freetown	91	73	Sun	Kingston	86	78	Tstm
Quebec	66	41	Sun	Glasgow	60	48	Sun	Kabul	90	48	PClidy	Kano	101	72	PClidy	Kathmandu	89	68	Tstm
Regina	71	47	PClidy	Lisbon	68	57	Sun	Kandahar	108	65	Sun	Khartoum	110	78	PClidy	Lima	76	59	Sun
Toronto	68	52	PClidy	London	75	54	Sun	Karachi	93	83	Sun	Kisangani	79	66	Tstm	Mexico City	75	55	Tstm
Vancouver	65	42	Sun	Madrid	75	50	PClidy	Khartoum	119	95	Sun	Makassar	84	72	Sun	Macao	87	70	Tstm
Whitby	64	41	Sun	Moscow	57	46	Fly	Mazar-e-Sharif	108	70	PClidy	Malakal	84	75	Tstm	Rio de Janeiro	81	68	PClidy
Windsor	72	54	PClidy	Paris	75	50	PClidy	Tehran	91	73	Sun	Mogadishu	86	59	Shwr	Santiago	59	43	PClidy
Winnipeg	69	49	PClidy	Rome	82	59	PClidy	Tel Aviv	76	62	Sun	Tabora	84	60	Sun	Santo Domingo	84	73	Rain
Yellowknife	49	28	PClidy	Warsaw	65	50	PClidy	Zahedan	91	66	Sun	Timbuktu	111	78	PClidy	San Jose	77	68	Tstm

SUNDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	84	63	Tstm	Colorado Springs	71	49	Tstm	Hartford	83	52	Tstm	New Orleans	84	70	Tstm	San Antonio	92	68	Tstm
Akron, OH	75	55	Tstm	Columbia, SC	80	67	Tstm	Havana	77	55	Tstm	San Diego	68	60	PClidy	Seattle	59	51	Rain
Albany, NY	79	51	PClidy	Columbus, GA	83	67	Tstm	Honolulu	86	71	Shwr	Newark	81	61	Tstm	San Francisco	64	51	PClidy
Albuquerque	79	57	Tstm	Columbus, OH	77	59	Tstm	Houston	87	70	Tstm	Norfolk	81	66	Tstm	San Jose	73	54	Sun
Allentown, PA	80	54	Tstm	Concord, NH	80	44	PClidy	Huntsville	79	67	Tstm	North Platte	77	55	Tstm	San Juan, PR	87	76	PClidy
Amarillo	76	58	Tstm	Corpus Christi	91	70	PClidy	Indianapolis	77	60	Tstm	Oklahoma City	81	63	Tstm	Santa Fe	75	47	Tstm
Anchorage	64	47	Tstm	Dallas	83	67	Tstm	Jackson, MS	80	67	Tstm	Omaha	81	61	Tstm	St. Louis	65	39	Sun
Atlanta	78	68	Tstm	Daytona Beach	78	71	Tstm	Jacksonville	83	69	Tstm	Orlando	86	70	Tstm	Savannah	81	68	Tstm
Austin	90	63	Tstm	Denver	73	50	Tstm	Kansas City	82	62	Tstm	Pendleton	82	49	Sun	Seattle	67	47	Sun
Baltimore	82	62	Tstm	Detroit	72	50	PClidy	Key West	77	65	Tstm	Philadelphia	82	64	Tstm	Shreveport	84	66	Tstm
Baton Rouge	84	77	Tstm	Duluth	68	42	PClidy	Kiev	79	63	Tstm	Phoenix	98	74	Sun	Saint Paul	87	76	Tstm
Billings	76	51	PClidy	El Paso	86	64	PClidy	Los Angeles	77	65	Tstm	Pittsburgh	77	56	Tstm	Sainte-Foy	75	57	Tstm
Birmingham	80	68	Tstm	Elkins	76	54	Tstm	Louisville	79	66	Tstm	Raleigh	86	65	Tstm	Sainte-Foy	75	53	PClidy
Bismarck	74	52	Tstm	Erie	69	51	PClidy	Little Rock	77	65	Tstm	Providence	78	54	Tstm	Tallahassee	85	67	Tstm
Boise	81	54	PClidy	Eugene	71	40	Sun	Los Angeles	74	58	PClidy	Pueblo	79	51	Tstm	Tampa	88	71	Tstm
Boston	75	55	Tstm	Evansville	77	65	Tstm	Louisville	79	66	Tstm	Portland, OR	71	49	Sun	Toronto	80	60	Tstm
Bridgeport	77	55	Tstm	Fairbanks	71	49	PClidy	Milwaukee	79	66	Tstm	Providence	78	54	Tstm	Toronto	87	76	Tstm
Brownsville	96	74	PClidy	Fargo	76	54	Tstm	Mobile	84	68	Tstm	Raleigh	86	65	Tstm	Toronto	75	53	PClidy
Buffalo	69	44	PClidy	Flagstaff	70	39	Tstm	Lubbock	81	61	Tstm	Spokane	75	53	Tstm	Toronto	87	76	Tstm
Burlington	72	47	Sun	Flint	70	43	PClidy	Macon	84	68	Tstm	Tucson	93	67	Sun	Toronto	87	76	Tstm
Caribou, ME	62	37	PClidy	Fort Smith	78	64	Tstm	Madison	71	46	PClidy	Richmond	84	62	Tstm	Toronto	87	76	Tstm
Casper	69	46	Tstm	Fort Wayne	76	54	Tstm	Medford	82	49	Tstm	Raleigh	79	60	Tstm	Toronto	77	68	Tstm
Charleston, SC	83	66	Tstm	Fresno	92	62	Sun	Memphis	77	60	Tstm	Rockford	75	50	PClidy	Toronto	85	67	Tstm
Charleston, WV	86	60	Tstm	Greenland	79	51	Tstm	Miami	86	75	Tstm	Washington, DC	84	64	Tstm	Toronto	87	76	Tstm
Chattanooga	77	64	Tstm	Grand Junction	77	51	PClidy	Midland	86	63	PClidy	Sacramento	83	56	Sun	W. Palm Beach	86	72	Tstm
Cheyenne	66	48	Tstm	Great Falls	75	47	PClidy	Minneapolis	62	46	PClidy	St. Louis	78	65	Tstm	Wichita Falls	81	63	Tstm
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Cincinnati	76	61	Tstm	Greensboro, NC	81	62	Tstm	Montgomery	81	67	Tstm	Salt Lake City	73	53	Tstm	Wilmington, DE	80	60	Tstm
Cleveland	72	54	PClidy	Harrisburg	79	59	Tstm	Nashville	78	66	Tstm	Yakima	86	81	PClidy	Yakima	83	45	Sun

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SUNDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan

Day: Variable clouds. High 61.
Night: Clear to partly cloudy. Low 45.

Kanto Plain

Day: A couple of showers. High 72.
Night: Cloudy, showers around. Low 63.

Southern Japan

Day: Mostly sunny. High 72.
Night: Increasing cloudiness. Low 63.

Okinawa

Day: Cloudy with showers. High 79.
Night: Spotty evening showers. Low 67.

Korea

Day: Mostly sunny. High 70.
Night: Clear to partly cloudy. Low 57.

Guam

Day: Mostly sunny. High 88.
Night: Mainly clear. Low 75.

MONDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan

Day: Mostly sunny. High 63.
Night: Clear. Low 46.

Kanto Plain

Day: Party sunny, a shower. High 70.
Night: Clear. Low 59.

Southern Japan

Day: Clearing. High 73.
Night: Clear. Low 63.

Okinawa

Day: Becoming cloudy. High 77.
Night: Cloudy. Low 63.

Korea

Day: Party sunny. High 83.
Night: Clear. Low 60.

Guam

Day: A couple of showers. High 88.
Night: Clouds, showers around. Low 75.

TUESDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan

Day: Variable cloudiness. High 64.
Night: Rising temperatures. Low 46.

Kanto Plain

Day: Mostly sunny. High 73.
Night: Mostly cloudy. Low 61.

Southern Japan

Day: A full day of sunshine. High 77.
Night: Clear. Low 63.

Okinawa

Day: Cloudy. High 75.
Night: Clearing. Low 66.

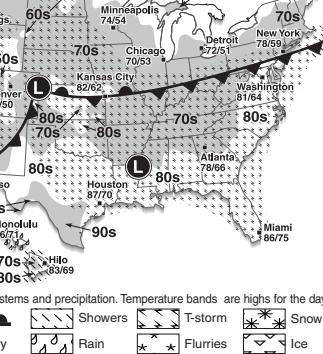
Korea

Day: Party sunny. High 83.
Night: Clear. Low 60.

Guam

Day: A couple of showers. High 88.
Night: Clouds, showers around. Low 75.

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YOUR MONEY

Losing track of stimulus online

Full transparency on spending may be tough

BY ALEC MACGILLIS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Shortly after the economic stimulus bill was signed, Vice President Joe Biden was talking up the administration's Web site to track the spending, Recovery.gov, when he accidentally directed people to Recovery.org.

As slip-ups go, this one had an upside: Unlike the government site, the privately run Recovery.org is actually providing detailed information about how the \$787 billion in stimulus money is being spent.

To build support for the stimulus package, President Obama vowed unprecedented transparency, a big part of which, he said, would be allowing taxpayers to track money to the street level on Recovery.gov. Together with a spruced-up WhiteHouse.gov, the site would inject the stodgy federal bureaucracy with the same Webby accessibility and Facebook-generation flair that defined the Obama campaign.

But three months after the bill was signed, Recovery.gov offers little beyond news releases, general breakdowns of spending, and acronym-laden spreadsheets and timelines. And congressional Democrats, state officials and advocates of open government worry that the White House cannot come close to clearing the high bar it set.

Rep. Brad Miller, D-N.C., who chaired a House hearing about stimulus transparency this month, hailed Obama for seeking more openness than the Bush administration. But he added that the Obama team, tech-savvy as it is, has promised more than it can deliver.

"It's proven to be much more difficult than anyone imagined going in," he said. "They may not achieve the transparency they set out to."

Rep. Paul Broun, Ga., the top Republican on the House science panel's investigations subcommittee, was harsher.

"This is another broken promise by the Obama administration," he said. "We don't have the transparency and the accountability we were promised."

The problem the administration faces goes to a central challenge of the stimulus: It was designed to spend money quickly enough to jolt the economy, but with enough care to achieve longer-term policy goals and to ensure that billions aren't wasted.

The situation also points up the enormousness of the package — more than 100 spending streams flowing to tens of thousands of recipients through federal, state and local departments unaccustomed to providing the user-friendly reports the White House is demanding.

Earl Devaney, the Interior Department inspector general who has been placed in charge of stimulus oversight, said there is only so much spending under way that can be tracked on Recovery.gov. States have received billions in education and Medicaid funds to balance their budgets, and tax cuts and expanded safety-net payments have begun, but federal agencies are still drawing up guidelines and accepting applications for many of the spending programs.

Devaney says the site will not post much spending data until October, when recipients must file their first full reports.

"I'm not being particularly apologetic about where this site is today," he said. "I would be if someone could show me anything that has happened that isn't on this site."

Even once the first mass of information



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Rep. Brad Miller
D-North Carolina

goes up, it will not be as granular as the White House has led people to expect. Devaney said the reporting requirements are simply not stringent enough to provide dollar-by-dollar tracking.

The Office of Management and Budget requires stimulus spending to be reported by primary and secondary recipients, but in many cases, this means the reporting will stop short of the contractors and subcontractors that are hired to do the work. For instance, if a state allocates transportation money to a local authority, such as Washington's Metro transit

system, that authority would not necessarily have to disclose what contractors were hired.

"The law doesn't require [recipients] to go to the depth that people imagine it does," Devaney said.

Pushing back against critics, the budget office has told congressional committees that it is aware of the limits of its reporting rules but is worried about overburdening small businesses, though it is considering ways to require more reporting from some contractors.

Standing as a counterpoint is Recovery.org, which was started by Onvia, a Seattle-based company that for a dozen years has been compiling bid solicitations from all levels of government to sell to vendors and contractors that pay a subscription fee.

To draw attention to its product, the company is pulling all the stimulus-related contracts it finds and posting them on Recovery.org, where they can be searched free on a map, state by state and county by county.

Learn to haggle for better deal

BY YLAN MUI
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In this recession, everything is negotiable.

I learned that lesson when I bargained to get a lower interest rate on my home refinance. And I put that knowledge to work recently while browsing the Eastern Market flea market for furniture with my husband. He eyed a small wooden cabinet that might look nice in our foyer and waved me over. The price tag was \$150.

A saleswoman quickly descended. She could give us a special, low price of just \$140, she said.

I raised my eyebrows and made a big show of inspecting the cabinet. I thought about my mom, a master bargainer who once spent 12 hours at a car dealership negotiating the price.

I decided to counter: \$120, I told her.

She laughed. I walked away, and they lost a sale.

According to Consumer Reports, walking away is one of the main weapons you have in your bargaining arsenal. At the end of the day, you have control over how and where you spend your money — and retailers realize that.

Here are some of Consumer Reports' tips for successful haggling:

■ Be patient and be nice. Demanding a discount rarely works. Savvy negotiators know a smile is more difficult to resist than tough talk.

■ Time your haggle. Late in the month, when salespeople are trying to meet their quotas, can be a good time to bargain for big ticket items. Evening or early hours are usually less busy, so clerks have time to talk.

■ Avoid an audience. Haggle out of earshot of other customers. Sales clerks don't want everyone else in the store asking for a deal, too. Keep in mind that at chain stores, salespeople often don't have the power to offer a discount. Try asking a manager or supervisor.

■ Know before you go. Research prices and store policies. Bring Web printouts, flyers, and newspaper ads with you. Mention if a local competitor is selling the item for less. The store might be willing to match your best quote. If you can't get a price discount, ask for free shipping, delivery or installation.

■ Be prepared to walk. The most persuasive weapon you have in your haggling arsenal is your ability to walk away and spend your money someplace else.

YOUR MONEY

Borrower wants to make a deal with Direct Loan

Dear Liz: I currently have a consolidated student loan with the federal Direct Loan program at an 8.25 percent fixed rate. I initially borrowed \$50,000 18 years ago, but the balance due has ballooned to almost \$155,000 over the years.

I have annually applied for and been granted a forbearance from Direct Loans so my account is currently in good standing. I've recently had some good fortune and will be coming into a substantial amount of money that would allow me to pay off the entire balance due in one payment.

Given the circumstances, is it possible for me to approach Direct Loans with the possibility of paying off the entire balance due at a reduced rate since I'm willing to pay it all up front? For instance, I could offer them \$100,000 if they'll forgive the remaining balance of \$55,000.

Answer: In most cases, the U.S. Department of Education won't negotiate with borrowers over the amount they owe on federal student loans, said student loan

expert Mark Kantrowitz of FinAid.org.

That's because the department has extraordinary powers to force you to pay. The debt can't be discharged in bankruptcy and the department can intercept tax refunds, garnish your wages and take a portion of many government benefits, including Social Security checks, if you default.

What you need to find out is how much the Direct Loan program paid for your loan, Kantrowitz said, since the government will never accept less than what it cost to acquire a loan.

You'll need to use the National Student Loan Data system (www.finaid.org/loans/lostlender.phtml) or your own records to determine what your balance was when you consolidated your loans into the Direct Loan program. That is the amount the department paid to acquire the loans from your original lender.

Kantrowitz recommends offering to split the difference between that figure and your current balance. Whatever the department counteroffers, accept it.

Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston

Don't spend the rest of your windfall, however. If the government does forgive a portion of the debt, the amount forgiven is considered taxable income to you.

Dear Liz: My credit card interest rate recently went from 11 percent to 24 percent. I have excellent credit and a history of paying off any balance. I have never missed a payment or paid late. When I asked why the rate was hiked, I was given a story about the issuer's rising costs. Should I switch my balance to a card from my local bank? The balance is small and the interest rate is one-third of what my current credit card company is demanding. I can pay the balance off in four months.

Answer: The credit card issuers that are being the most aggressive about raising rates and cutting limits are hoping you'll passively accept the changes. But when you have good credit, you have choices. You can take your business elsewhere.

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Credit card reform is end of era for students

BY ANNE FLAHERTY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's an end of an era for the thousands of U.S. college students who rely on MasterCard or Visa to get them through tight times.

Under a new law awaiting President Barack Obama's signature, credit card companies will be prohibited from giving cards to people under 21 years old unless they can prove they have the means to repay the debt or a parent or guardian co-signs for the loan.

Congress passed the bill this week, and Obama was expected to sign it into law Friday. The changes will go into effect in nine months.

"The hope is that when they spend, they'll spend under better terms and there'll be fewer traps for them," said Pedro de la Torre, a spokesman for Campus Progress, a progressive group in Washington that tracks issues affecting young people.

Congress is hoping to break a vicious cycle: A cardholder falls behind in paying the bill and watches helplessly as the interest rate spikes on the existing balance. Buried in higher rates and late fees, the cardholder spend less, which hurts local businesses.

College students are particularly vulnerable.

According to Campus Progress, aggressive marketing by the card companies and multimillion-dollar agreements with universities have presented young people with ample opportunities to borrow money they can't repay. College seniors with credit cards are graduating with an average balance of \$4,100, a 41 percent increase in the past five years, the group says.

In addition to curbing the number of young people who can obtain a card, the legislation would set new limits on when and how banks charge fees.

"This will allow consumers to make informed choices about how best, and whether, to use a credit card, or to shop around for better terms," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said after the House passed the bill Wednesday, 361-64.

The Senate approved the bill Tuesday, 90-5.

The banking industry opposes the changes.

"Less credit will be available generally, which means some consumers and small businesses will not be able to obtain credit cards at all, particularly younger people and startup small businesses," said Edward Yingling, president and CEO of the American Bankers Association.

All but six U.S. states shed jobs during April

WASHINGTON — Forty-four states lost jobs in April, led by California where employers slashed 63,700 positions, as the recession took a further toll on U.S. workers.

The U.S. Labor Department says that behind California in over-the-month job losses were: Texas, which saw 39,500 jobs

vanish; Michigan, which lost 38,400 jobs; and Ohio, which lost 25,200.

California's unemployment rate dipped to 11 percent last month, fifth-highest in the country. Michigan's jobless rate was the highest at 12.9 percent, followed by Oregon at 12 percent, South Carolina at 11.5 percent and Rhode Island at 11.1 percent.

From The Associated Press

THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,292.13	-129.91	-1.54	-5.52	-34.32
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,017.85	-121.76	-3.88	-14.68	-42.47
530.57	288.61	Dow Jones Utilities	327.18	-3.50	-1.06	-11.75	-37.63
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,780.54	-89.85	-1.53	+4.41	-38.72
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,522.68	-10.62	-0.69	+8.96	-36.13
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,695.25	-32.59	-1.89	+7.50	-31.22
1,440.24	666.79	S&P MidCap	888.33	-15.14	-1.68	-1.65	-36.29
897.37	397.97	S&P SmallCap	554.09	-10.17	-1.80	+2.94	-36.23
14,564.81	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,085.08	-156.11	-1.69	-0.02	-35.69
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	481.22	-8.13	-1.66	-3.65	-34.35

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name Vol (00) Last Chg

BkfstAm 5580798 11.41 -0.08

RegionsFn 4517156 4.10 -.79

DirxFinBear 3362549 5.41 ...

DirxFinBull 2501937 9.06 ...

SPDR 2320566 89.21 -1.30

SPDR Fnd 1995198 11.74 +.02

Citigrp 1613335 3.72 +.03

GnMotr 1256745 1.92 +.47

GenElec 1041868 13.24 ...

WellsFargo 961353 25.04 +.58

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name Vol (00) Last Chg

Hemisphr 133336 1.46 -.24

EldorGld 40391 9.20 -.02

GoldStrg 37563 2.01 -.01

NwGoldg 28673 2.40 +.26

NovaGldg 23474 4.11 -.03

GrtBnsG 18040 1.54 +.08

US Gold 14070 2.17 -.03

Amcrest 13552 3.83 -.31

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name Vol (00) Last Chg

PwShs QQQ 1221270 33.65 -.63

Cisco 62328 18.10 -.50

DryShips 57891 7.04 +.25

Intel 57668 15.18 -.40

Microsoft 57266 19.82 -.56

FifthThird 53172 6.95 -.76

BrdeCrd 452418 7.13 +.90

HuntBnk 342265 4.30 -.52

Dell Inc 335991 10.83 -.35

ElTrade 306805 1.42 -.11

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (May 26)	93.00
South Korean won (May 26)	1,208.00
Euro costs (May 26)	\$1,4351
Dollar buys (May 26)	0.6968
British pound (May 26)	\$1.64

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5884
Canada (Dollar)	1.1272
China (Yuan)	6.8241
Denmark (Krone)	5.3220
Egypt (Pound)	5.6250
Euro	\$1.3993/0.7146
Hong Kong (Dollar)	.7516
Hungary (Forint)	200.00
Israel (Shekel)	3.9306
Japan (Yen)	94.22
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2879
Norway (Krone)	6.3400
Philippines (Peso)	46.92
Poland (Zloty)	3.14
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4425
South Korea (Won)	1,242.30
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0854
Thailand (Baht)	34.34
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5425

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Yokosuka - 1995 Black Nissan Pulsar 2DR Automatic, well maintained, clean interior. 12 Disc CD changer. Road Taxes already paid, runs great. JCI until August 2010, Base Inspection until July 2010. \$1200 OBO. Phone: 045-774-9110

Yokosuka - 1996 Mitsubishi Legnum Station Wagon AWD: 96,000 kilometers, AM/FM/CD radio, A/C, power windows, well-maintained, clean interior, automatic climate control, tinted windows, road taxes already paid. Non-smoker. Bought from the base inspection and JCI with the base inspection of an expired (Rare) w/ 50K kilometers, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it, and it has passed the Base Garage inspection again (only needed to replace tires), so JCI is good until June 2011. \$1900.00. It is currently on Lemon Lot # 30. Please call or email to see if you or your questions. 443-283-0661 (vorange - off base); unq.on@ymail.com; Ask for Greg on base: 313-347-1030.

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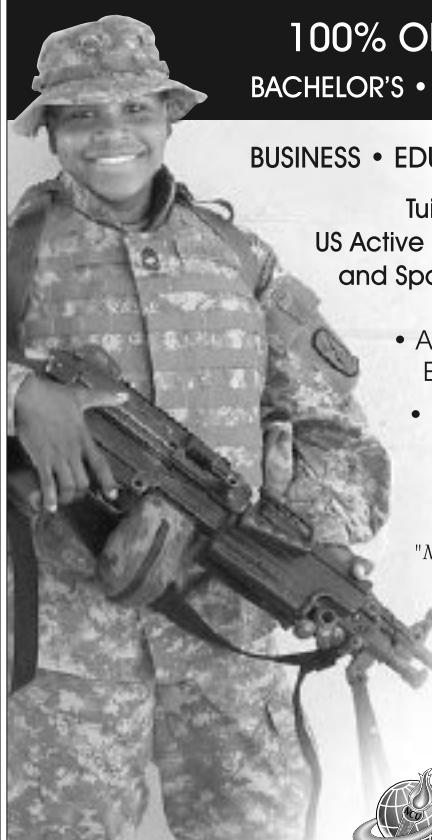
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9:00 CS! Miami A Marine recruiter is murdered.	Emperor New Phineas and Ferb	(15) Movie "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001, Adventure) Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight, Iain Glen.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (Live)	Recon Revisited State Dept Briefing Fit For Duty AFN Europe Report Week-Pentagon Fit For Duty Special Report With Bret Baier	MythBusters Cell phone interference. Decoding the Past Biblical prophecies. Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern Philippines. Latin Lifestyles Urban Style	NBA Tip-Off NBA Basketball Eastern Conference Final Game 2 - Orlando Magic at Cleveland Cavaliers. From Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. Inside the NBA	NHL Hockey Teams to Be Announced.
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Ben 10 Dragonball GT	Hannity					MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Oakland Athletics. From Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in Oakland, Calif.
10:00	Dr. Phil	Teenage Robot Kenny the Shark	Anderson Cooper 360					
11:30	CBS Evening News	Teen Kids News						
12:00	ESPN News	Grossology						
12:30	NBC Nightly News	Out There						
13:30	World News-Gibson	Lizzie McGuire						
14:00	Connie the Cow	The Crocodile Hunter						
14:30	Robert & Robert's	"Traveling the Dingo Fence"						
15:00	Sonic the Hedgehog	Animal Miracles "Caleigh's Dance"						
15:30	Danny Phantom							
16:00	Naruto	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys						
16:30	Darcy's Wild Life							
17:00	Ent. Studios	SpongeBob SquarePants						
17:30	Cris Angel Mindfreak	The Fairly OddParents						
18:00	Engineering an Empire	The Universe Jupiter has more than 60 moons.						
18:30	Engineering feats.							
19:00	Access Hollywood	Movie "We Were Soldiers" (2002, War) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe. Outnumbered U.S. troops battle the North Vietnamese.						
19:30	Deadliest Catch "The Final Run" Offload.							
20:00	Law & Order "Release"	(41) American Idol Remaining finalists perform.						
21:00		(35) American Idol The winner is revealed.						
22:00	Law & Order "Sweetie"	(25) Movie "Taking Chance" (2009) Kevin Bacon.						
22:30		(45) Movie "Hardball" (2001, Drama) Keanu Reeves, Diane Lane, John Hawkes.						
23:00	Medal of Honor	The Simpsons						
23:30								

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00:00	(11:00) Medal of Honor	The Simpsons	(10:45) Movie Hardball (2001) Forbes on FOX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Burned"	FNG Useful benefits.	(11:30) Austin City Limits	(11:00) SportsCenter	Top 20 Countdown
00:30		Movie "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" (2008) Abigail Breslin, Joan Cusack.	(45) Movie "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Kevin Costner. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown.	Cashin' In	Fit For Duty	Dog the Bounty Hunter		
1:00	Sports			Newsroom	Without a Trace "Claus and Effect"	Around the Services	ESPN News	Top 20 Countdown
1:30		(11) American Idol Remaining finalists perform.			Your Money	House "Kids"	ESPN News	
2:00					This Week in the Pentagon	Law & Order A bestselling memoir writer is found dead.	MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Subject to Blackout)	
2:30		(41) American Idol The winner is revealed.			Wall Street Journal Report	Around the Services	Today	
3:00					America's News HQ	Around the Services		
3:30						Around the Services		
4:00						Around the Services		
4:30	Sports	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood				Around the Services		
5:00		Barney & Friends				Around the Services		
5:30		Sesame Street				Around the Services		
6:00		Davey and Goliath				Around the Services		
6:30		VeggieTales				Around the Services		
7:00		This Week in Baseball				Around the Services		
7:30		3-2-1 Penguins				Around the Services		
8:00		The Magic School Bus				Around the Services		
8:30	NHL Hockey Eastern Conference Final Game 3 - Pittsburgh Penguins at Carolina Hurricanes. From the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C.	Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman	(8:50) Movie "Tootsie" (1982, Comedy) Dustin Hoffman. An unemployed actor poses as a woman to land a soap role.	Washington Week in Review	Law & Order A bestselling memoir writer is found dead.	Judging Amy "You're Not the Boss of Me"	NBA Action	WWE SmackDown!
9:00		Codename: Kids Next Door			Wall Street Journal Report	First Air Force Now		
9:30		Archie's Weird Mysteries			America's News HQ	Battleground		
10:00						National Guard News		
10:30								
11:00	Sports	Growing Pains				This Week in the Pentagon		
11:30		Planet's Funniest Animals				Kiana's Flea Appeal		
12:00		Full House				The Benning Report		
12:30		The Brady Bunch				Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
13:00	McLaughlin Group							
13:30	ESPN News	Movie "Tarzan II" (2005, Adventure) Voices of Harrison Ford, George Carlin, Brad Garrett.						
14:00	Washington Week in Review							
14:30	House Call-Dr. Sanjay Gupta	(20) Movie "The Even Stevens Movie" (2003, Comedy) Shia LaBeouf, Nick Spano.						
15:00	Entertainers							
15:30								
16:00	Life on the Way	Honey We're Killing the Kids "When Dad's Away"						
16:30	T.D. Jakes							
17:00	Love Worth Finding	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (1967)	Newsroom	(10) Survivor: Tocantins	Kiana's Flea Appeal	NBA Nation	Sports
17:30	The Pure Life	The Fairly OddParents			Grand Ole Opry Live	The Benning Report		
18:00	Grand Ole Opry Live				Recon Revisited	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
18:30		Planet Earth	Rivers descend from mountains to the sea.		Entertainers			
19:00	MotorWeek							
19:30	Ebert & Roeper	So You Think You Can Dance	Dancers audition.					
20:00	The Medal: America's Highest Honor							
20:30								
21:00	America's Most Secret Agency	90210 Adrianna tells Naomi about her secret.						
21:30								
22:00	Survivor: Tocantins	Touched by an Angel "Beautiful Dreamer"						
22:30		Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Brother's Keeper"	(05) Movie "After the Sunset" (2004) Pierce Brosnan.					
23:00								
23:30								

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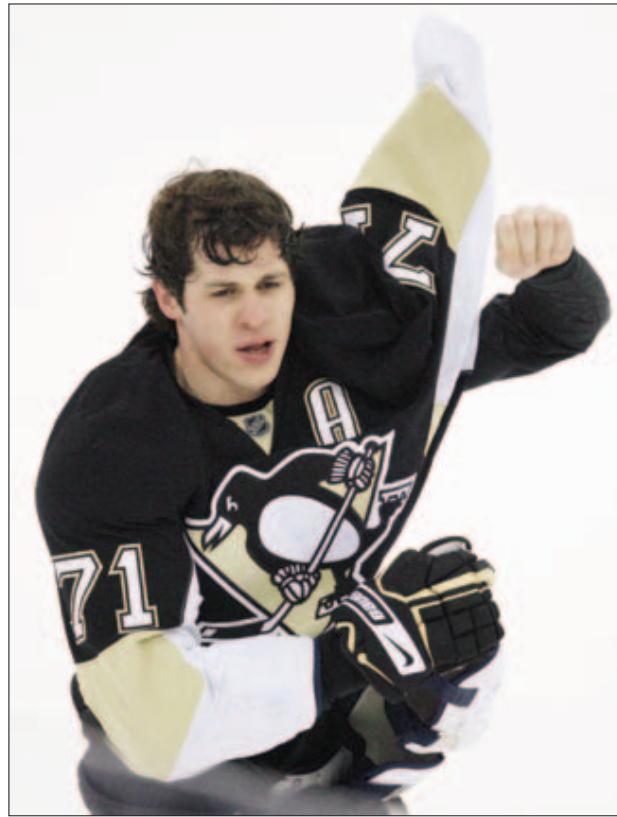
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Malkin takes control for Pittsburgh

Russian's hat trick, assist help Penguins take 2-0 lead in series



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Evgeni Malkin did it all Thursday night for Pittsburgh, scoring three goals and drawing a two-minute penalty for roughing after getting into a scrap with Carolina's Chad LaRose during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals. Pittsburgh won to take a 2-0 series lead.

NHL scoreboard

Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina 4, Boston 3

Boston 4, Carolina 1

Carolina 3, Boston, 0

Carolina 3, Boston, 2, OT

Carolina 4, Boston 1

Boston 4, Carolina 0

Boston 4, Carolina 2

Carolina 3, Boston, 2, OT

Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3

Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3

Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2, OT

Pittsburgh 5, Washington 3

Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3, OT

Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT

Pittsburgh 6, Washington 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit 4, Anaheim 3

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2

Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT

Anaheim 2, Detroit 1

Detroit 6, Anaheim 3

Detroit 4, Anaheim 1

Anaheim 2, Detroit 1

Detroit 4, Anaheim 3

Chicago 4, Vancouver 2

Vancouver 5, Chicago 3

Chicago 6, Vancouver 3

Vancouver 3, Chicago 1

Chicago 2, Vancouver 1

Chicago 4, Vancouver 2

Chicago 7, Vancouver 5

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina vs. Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 1

Thursday: Pittsburgh 7, Carolina 4,

Pittsburgh leads series 2-0

Saturday: Pittsburgh at Carolina

Tuesday: Pittsburgh at Carolina

Friday, May 29: Carolina at Pittsburgh*

Sunday, May 31: Pittsburgh at Carolina*

Tuesday, June 2: Carolina at Pittsburgh*

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago vs. Detroit

Detroit 5, Chicago 2

Detroit 3, Chicago 2, OT, Detroit leads

series 2-0

Friday: Detroit at Chicago

Sunday: Detroit at Chicago

BY ALAN ROBINSON

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby relied on his rare combination of talent and determination to take over the Pittsburgh Penguins' playoff series against Washington. Evgeni Malkin is looking to duplicate the performance.

So far he's doing it, and the Carolina Hurricanes aren't doing much to slow him down.

Malkin took the Penguins back to the Mario Lemieux days of run-and-gun hockey, when high-scoring games were common and opposing goalies barely had a chance, by scoring three goals and setting up another as Pittsburgh surged to a 7-4 victory over Carolina in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals on Thursday night.

So far, it's Malkin and Crosby 2, Hurricanes 0 as the teams head to Raleigh for Game 3 on Saturday night. Right now, returning home appears to be the Hurricanes' best chance of getting back into a series the Penguins' stars are controlling with their one-on-one play, speed and playmaking skills.

"I'm trying to play every game hard and smart," Malkin said.

Malkin played this one like a man determined to make certain the Penguins get another chance to lift the Stanley Cup they couldn't win during a six-game finals against Detroit last season. The Penguins and Red Wings are halfway home to a rematch, with Detroit taking a 2-0 lead into Chicago for Game 3 of the Western Conference finals on Friday night.

Malkin's third goal, which gave Pittsburgh the first two-goal lead at 6-4 in the third period, came less than four minutes after his go-ahead goal. It

was Malkin at his best, scoring off a set play coach Dan Bylsma said is called The Geno, after Malkin's nickname.

The Penguins won a faceoff in the Carolina zone, and Malkin tracked the puck into the corner. He raced behind the net, spun and put a backhander past Cam Ward before the goalie could react for Malkin's first career three-goal playoff game and 10th goal of the playoffs. Crosby called it "an amazing goal."

"It was a great shot," Carolina defenseman Dennis Seidenberg said. "I don't know who saves that. He's a great player and great players, eventually they break out. Today was his day it seemed like."

With four goals in two games against Carolina, Malkin — the NHL regular-season scoring champion — has surged past Crosby to take the playoffs scoring lead, 25-24. Crosby had eight goals and five assists for 13 points as the Penguins came back from a 2-0 deficit to win the conference semifinal series against Washington.

Malkin, who has four goals and two assists against Carolina, seemed to be a different player following a skirmish with Chad LaRose midway through the game. From then on, Malkin seemed determined to try to score on every shift — and, for a while in the third, he did that.

"I just tried to shoot every shift and tried to score and some of them went in," Malkin said. "It was good."

Not for Ward, it wasn't. He had a 1.18 goals-against average while winning his last five Game 2s, yet Crosby and Malkin set the tone for the unexpectedly high-scoring game by getting a goal apiece less than nine minutes into the game.

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Calendar

May 25-30 — NHL Combine, Toronto.

June 15 — Last possible day for Stanley Cup finals.

June 18 — NHL awards show at Las Vegas.

June 26-27 — NHL draft, Montreal.

July 1 — Free agency signing period begins.

SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Auto racing

Coca-Cola 600 lineup

After Thursday qualifying; race Sunday At Lowe's Motor Speedway Concord, N.C.

Lap length: 1.5 miles

(Car number in parentheses)

- (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 188.475.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 188.258.
- (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 188.193.
- (45) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 188.166.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 187.820.
- (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 187.493.
- (70) Mike Bliss, Dodge, 187.422.
- (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 187.396.
- (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 187.188.
- (21) Bill Elliott, Ford, 187.169.
- (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 187.162.
- (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 186.916.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 186.864.
- (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 186.832.
- (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 186.825.
- (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 186.735.
- (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 186.599.
- (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 186.574.
- (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 186.548.
- (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 186.477.
- (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 186.368.
- (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 186.233.
- (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 186.220.
- (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 186.181.
- (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 186.014.
- (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 185.970.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 185.829.
- (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 185.778.
- (71) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, 185.707.
- (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 185.605.
- (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 185.593.
- (13) Max Papis, Toyota, 185.433.
- (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 185.319.
- (4) David Ragan, Ford, 185.172.
- (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 185.096.
- (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 184.704.
- (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 184.590.
- (44) A J Allmendinger, Dodge, 184.338.
- (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 183.949.
- (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 183.281.
- (34) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, Owner Points
- (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, Owner Points
- (36) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 184.433.

Failed to qualify

- (41) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 184.093.
- (73) Mike Garvey, Dodge, 182.457.
- (64) Todd Bodine, Toyota, 182.426.
- (06) David Starr, Dodge, 179.081.

College baseball

Thursday's scores

TOURNAMENTS

Missouri Valley Conference

- Illinois St. 7, Indiana St. 3
- Missouri St. 8, S. Illinois 4
- Creighton 11, Wichita St. 0

Mountain West Conference

- TCU 9, BYU 2

Ohio Valley Conference

- Jacksonville St. 11, E. Illinois 5
- Morehead St. 7, SE Missouri 5, 11 innings

Tennessee Tech 7, Murray St. 2

Southeastern Conference

- Florida 12, Mississippi 2

LSU 9, Alabama 6

Southern Conference

- Georgia Southern 6, Appalachian St. 5

Southeastern Conference

- Texas-Arlington 7, Stephen F. Austin 4

Sun Belt Conference

- Florida Atlantic 16, Fla. International 6

La-Monroe 13, South Alabama 8

Boxing

Fight schedule

May 30

At Hartwall Arena, Helsinki, Finland, Ruslan Chagayev, Germany, vs. Nikolai Valuev, Russia, 12, for Chagayev's WBA heavyweight title.

At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Andre Berto, Winter Haven, Fla., vs. Juan Urango, Miami, 12, welterweights; Alfredo Angulo, Coachella, Calif., vs. Kermit Cintron, Reading, Pa., 12, light middleweights.

June 5

At Chicago, Carlos Quintana, Puerto Rico, vs. Danny Perez, San Diego, 12, junior middleweights; Joey Hernandez, Miami, vs. Damian Frias, Miami, 10, welterweights.

June 6

At Bally's, Atlantic City, Mike Jones, Philadelphia, vs. Larry Mosley, Los Angeles, 12, for the NABA welterweight title.

June 13

At Madison Square Garden, New York, Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico, vs. Joshua Clottey, Bronx, N.Y., 12, for Cotto's WBO welterweight title.

June 14

At Philadelphia, Mario Andretti, who finished second to Bobby Unser, is declared the winner because Unser broke a rule during a slowdown period near the end of the race. The decision is later reversed, giving Unser credit for the victory, but he is fined \$40,000.

Sports on AFN

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.—College lacrosse: NCAA men's Division I semifinals, Duke vs. Syracuse.

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—MLB: Kansas City at St. Louis.

AFN-Atlantic, 4 a.m.—Golf: PGA Byron Nelson Championship, third round.

AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at N.Y. Yankees.

AFN-Xtra, 5 a.m.—MLB: Texas at Houston.

AFN-Atlantic, 8:30 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 3, Pittsburgh at Carolina.

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 3, L.A. Lakers at Denver.

AFN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.—College lacrosse: NCAA men's Division I semifinals, Cornell vs. Virginia (ldd).

AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.—MLS: Los Angeles at FC Dallas (ldd).

AFN-Atlantic, 4 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 3, Pittsburgh at Carolina (ldd).

AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.—MLB: Tampa Bay at Florida (ldd).

AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Series, Carquest Auto Parts 300 (ldd).

AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 3, L.A. Lakers at Denver (ldd).

AFN-Xtra, 10:30 p.m.—MLS: CD Chivas USA at Kansas City (ldd).

Monday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.—Auto racing: IndyCar, Indianapolis 500.

AFN-Xtra, 2:30 a.m.—MLB: N.Y. Mets at Boston.

AFN-Atlantic, 4 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 4, Detroit at Chicago.

AFN-Sports, 5:30 a.m.—MLB: L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers (joined in progress).

AFN-Xtra, 6:30 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup, Coca-Cola 600

AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.—MLB: Milwaukee at Minnesota.

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 3, Cleveland at Orlando.

AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.—Auto racing: IndyCar, Indianapolis 500 (ldd).

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—Golf: Byron Nelson Championship, final round (ldd).

AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—Tennis: French Open, Day 1 (ldd).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (ldd) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Tennis

Warsaw Open

Friday

At Klub Tenisowy Legia Warsaw, Poland

Purse: \$600,000 (Premier)

Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles

Semifinals

Alexander Dulgheru, Romania, def. Daniela Hantuchova (6), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-1.

Alona Bondarenko (8), Ukraine, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-2, 7-5.

Austrian Open

Friday

At Mercedes-Benz Sportpark Kitzbuehel, Kitzbuehel, Austria

Purse: \$611,100 (WT250)

Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles

Semifinals

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Mikhail Youzhny (7), Russia, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (5).

Julien Benneteau, France, def. Oscar Hernandez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.

AP sportlight

May 24

1935 — In the first major league night game, the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 before 25,000 fans in Cincinnati.

1967 — The AFL grants a franchise to the Cincinnati Bengals.

1980 — Bobby Nystrom's overtime goal gives the New York Islanders a 5-4 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 6 for their first Stanley Cup title.

1981 — The Indianapolis 500 ends in controversy when Mario Andretti, who finished second to Bobby Unser, is declared the winner because Unser broke a rule during a slowdown period near the end of the race. The decision is later reversed, giving Unser credit for the victory, but he is fined \$40,000.

Golf

Byron Nelson Championship

PGA Tour Thursday

At TPC Four Seasons Resort

Irving, Texas

Purse: \$6.5 million

Yardage: 7,166; Par 70 (35-35)

First Round

Ken Duke 34-31-65 -5

James Nitties 34-31-65 -5

Brad Adamson 34-32-66 -4

Scott McCarron 34-32-66 -4

Charles Howell III 33-33-66 -4

Mike Weir 34-32-66 -4

John Mallinger 33-34-67 -3

Chris DiMarco 33-34-67 -3

Ken Jones 33-34-67 -3

Aaron Watkins 33-34-67 -3

Colt Knost 33-32-67 -3

Jesper Parnevik 34-33-67 -3

Tommy Armour III 32-35-67 -3

Robert Allenby 33-34-67 -3

Kevin Streelman 31-36-67 -3

Matt Weir 33-36-67 -3

James Driscoll 32-35-67 -3

Spencer Levin 33-34-67 -3

Troy Matteson 37-31-68 -2

Dustin Johnson 34-34-68 -2

Jonathan Byrd 35-33-68 -2

D.J. Trahan 33-35-68 -2

Steve Lowery 35-33-68 -2

Kevin Sutherland 34-34-68 -2

Rory Sabbatini 35-33-68 -2

Mark Calvacchia 32-36-68 -2

Greg Owen 35-33-68 -2

Michael Letzig 34-34-68 -2

Jay Williamson 36-32-68 -2

Bryce Molder 34-34-68 -2

Kris Blanks 37-31-68 -2

Brett Quigley 36-33-69 -1

Y.E. Yang 32-37-69 -1

Anthony Kim 33-36-69 -1

Brian Bateman 34-35-69 -1

Joe Ogilvie 33-36-69 -1

Tim Wilkinson 34-35-69 -1

Tim Poulier 36-33-69 -1

Glen Day 34-35-69 -1

Scott Verplank 32-33-69 -1

Fred Couples 33-36-69 -1

George McNeill 34-35-69 -1

Alex Cejka 35-34-69 -1

Steve Marino 34-35-69 -1

Brin Baird 34-35-69 -1

Ricky Barnes 32-37-69 -1

Danny Lee 35-34-69 -1

Jeff Quinney 34-36-70 E

Nathan Green 34-36-70 E

Robert Garrigus 34-36-70 E

Bob Estes 36-34-70 E

Brian Gay 35-35-70 E

Kirk Triplett 37-33-70 E

Daniel Chopra 34-36-70 E

Steve Flesch 33-37-70 E

J.P. Hayes 35-35-70 E

Cliff Kresge 33-37-70 E

Bo Van Pelt 33-37-70 E

Bill Lunde 36-34-70 E

Jaxon Brigan 36-34-70 E

Brendon Todd 36-34-70 E

Heath Slocum 35-35-70 E

Vijay Singh 35-35-70 E

Johns Wagner 35-35-70 E

Matt Kucher 34-36-70 E

Douglas Stiles 34-36-70 E

Eric Price 35-35-70 E

Ben Craine 35-36-71 +1

Matt Bettencourt 35-36-71 +1

Stephen Leaney 35-36-71 +1

Steve Allan 35-36-71 +1

Chris Pirovnic 35-36-71 +1

Chad Campbell 34-37-71 +1

Ruyii Hofmann 35-36-71 +1

Todd Hamilton 37-34-71 +1

Bart Bryant 39-32-71 +1

Jimmy Walker 35-36-71 +1

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Jason Bohn 35-36-71 +1

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Marc Turnesa 35-36-71 +1

James Oh 34-37-71 +1

Saturday: Michigan vs. Baylor.

Saturday: Baylor vs. Michigan*.

At Alberta B. Fanning Softball Stadium

Golf

Corning Classic

LPGA Tour Thursday

At Corning Country Club

Corning, N.Y.

Purse: \$1.5 million

Yardage: 6,223; Par 72 (36-36)

First Round

Zama girls earn first soccer title

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — They relied all season on a potent offense that produced school records of 135 goals and 90 assists. But on Friday, it was the player charged with keeping the ball out of the net who counted most for Zama American.

Sophomore Deanne Polaski made three saves in the penalty-kick shootout as the Trojans survived relentless second-half pressure to edge host Kubasaki 2-1 and capture the first Far East Girls Class AA Soccer Tournament title in school history.

"I can't believe we pulled this off," said junior Aubrey Ashliman during the wild celebration that followed at Kubasaki's Mike Petty Stadium. "It feels like we have another match to play. I can't believe we're Far East champions."

They also became Zama's first outright Far East team champion since boys basketball in 1963. Zama's wrestling team shared the Far East title with St. Mary's International in 1982.

"How cool is that? That is good news. Long time coming," Zama athletics director Ed Fogell said.

"I'm proud of my girls," coach Rogers

Pitts said. "I wanted it for them. To win it this way against incredible odds and for it to go to PKs, it's just overwhelming."

Kubasaki kept up relentless pressure on the Zama net in the second half and through all four overtime periods, but couldn't come through with the tiebreaker.

"We didn't score enough, which we had to do. We didn't get the job done," said coach Terry Chumley, whose Dragons have finished second two straight years. "We let one in, and we didn't convert. That's the way it goes in sports sometimes."

In the first half, Rina Ihu banged in a corner kick from Sydnie Bligh to put the Dragons ahead 1-0, but Mallarie Ashliman leveled it 1-1 off an indirect kick from Aubrey Ashliman. It stayed 1-1 through overtime.

Zama went ahead to stay 2-1 in the second round of the shootout when Polaski stopped a Maya Lowe shot and Taylor Russell converted her second-round shot. Polaski then stopped Bligh's third-round attempt and Ihu in the fifth round, sparking the celebration.

"I was nervous the whole time," Polaski said. "I just kept going for the ball."

Russell hadn't planned on playing soccer after she transferred last summer from Kadena to Zama. She resoundingly said she felt she made the right decision.

"Oh my gosh. This is amazing. It's awesome. I'm so happy right now," she said.

Friday marked the first time that two non-Okinawa teams swept both Class AA Tournament titles.

Returning to the stage they occupied in 2005 and 2007, Christian Academy In Japan's boys also survived unrelenting pressure from Hong Kong International, getting stellar goalkeeping from Sho Hamano in a 1-0 Boys Class AA Tournament championship victory at Seoul American.

"He's amazing," Knights coach Sean Collier said of Hamano, who stopped 12 Dragons shots, including one by Anthony Abdelhour point blank in the 73rd minute. "Incredible. Amazing game. We've been blessed to have incredible keepers the last five years."

Claiming an unofficial DODDS-Pacific championship of sorts, Kubasaki's Mitch Shibley scored five goals as the Dragons overwhelmed Zama 6-0 in the third-place match.



GARY CASHMAN/Special to Stars and Stripes

Kubasaki's Mitch Shibley and Zama American's Austin Wilson fight for the ball during Friday's third-place match in the Far East Class AA tournament at Yongsan Garrison, South Korea. Shibley scored five goals in Kubasaki's 6-0 victory.

For the Dragons, it was redemption for their desultory performance in a 3-0 semi-final loss Thursday to Hong Kong. "We had an off day yesterday. We wanted to show we were a top-quality team," Shibley said.

Local scoreboard

Interservice

Softball
19th Pacific Wide Open Interservice Softball Tournament

At Lombardo Field FourPlex and Field 5, South Post, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

Day 1 results

Pool-play standings

Men's Pool A

International Guzzlers, 2-0
Daegu/Area IV, South Korea, 1-0
Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, 1-1
Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, 1-1
Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, 0-1
Aviation, 0-2

Men's Pool B

American Legion, Okinawa, 2-0
Misawa Air Base, Japan, 1-0
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, 1-0
Camp Casey, South Korea, 1-1
Enforcers, 0-2
595th MT, 0-2

Men's Pool C

Yokota Air Base, Japan, 2-0
KKD, 2-0
Shanghai, China, 1-0
Camp Humphreys, South Korea, 1-1
Geckos Glaciers, 0-2
94th Military Police, 0-2

Men's Pool D

Heat 3N2, 3-0
Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, 2-0
Osan Air Base, South Korea, 1-0
Suwon Air Base, South Korea, 1-1
Honor Guard, 1-2
Ghost Riders, 0-6

Friday's games

International Guzzlers 20, Camp Red Cloud 0
Yokota 22, 94th Military Police 11
Kunsan Air Base 14, Sasebo 12
KKD 21, Camp Humphreys 6
Daegu/Area IV, 16, Aviation 2
Shanghai 21, 94th Military Police 1
Camp Casey 17, Enforcers 2
Suwon Air Base 7, Ghost Riders 0,

walkover
American Legion 41, 595th MT 2
Heat 3N2 14, Honor Guard 1
American Legion 21, Enforcers 0
Heat 3N2 7, Suwon Air Base 0, walkover
Misawa Air Base 12, Camp Casey 10
Osan 7, Ghost Riders 0, walkover
Yokosuka 21, Honor Guard 3
Camp Red Cloud 14, Kunsan 11
Camp Humphreys 18, Geckos 3
International Guzzlers 20, Aviation 0
Yokota Air Base 16, Geckos Glaciers 0
Misawa vs. Yongsan Garrison, late
Osan Air Base vs. Yokosuka, late
Sasebo vs. Daegu/Area IV, late
KKD vs. Shanghai, late

Saturday's games

Kunsan vs. Aviation, 1 a.m., Field 1
Camp Casey vs. 595th MT, 1 a.m., Field 5
Ghost Riders vs. Honor Guard, 2:20 a.m.

Camp Humphreys vs. 94th Military Police, 2:20 a.m., Field 5
International Guzzlers vs. Daegu/Area IV, 3:40 a.m., Field 1
American Legion vs. Yongsan Garrison, 3:40 a.m., Field 5
Yokota vs. Shanghai, 5 a.m., Field 1
Heat 3N2 vs. Yokosuka Naval Base, 5 a.m., Field 1

Sasebo Naval Base vs. Camp Red Cloud, 6:20 a.m., Field 1
Misawa vs. Enforcers, 6:20 a.m., Field 2
KKD vs. Geckos, 6:20 a.m., Field 5
Osan vs. Suwon, 7:40 a.m., Field 1
American Legion vs. Camp Casey, 7:40 a.m., Field 2

Kunsan Air Base vs. International Guzzlers, 7:40 a.m., Field 5
Yokota 3N2 vs. Shanghai, 5 a.m., Field 1
Heat 3N2 vs. Yokosuka Naval Base, 5 a.m., Field 1

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Ghost Riders vs. Honor Guard, 2:20 a.m.

Camp Humphreys vs. 94th Military Police, 2:20 a.m., Field 5
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American Legion vs. Yongsan Garrison, 3:40 a.m., Field 5
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Heat 3N2 vs. Yokosuka Naval Base, 5 a.m., Field 1

Sasebo Naval Base vs. Camp Red Cloud, 6:20 a.m., Field 1
Misawa vs. Enforcers, 6:20 a.m., Field 2
KKD vs. Geckos, 6:20 a.m., Field 5
Osan vs. Suwon, 7:40 a.m., Field 1
American Legion vs. Camp Casey, 7:40 a.m., Field 2

Kunsan Air Base vs. International Guzzlers, 7:40 a.m., Field 5
Yokota 3N2 vs. Shanghai, 5 a.m., Field 1
Heat 3N2 vs. Ghost Riders, 9 a.m., Field 1

Camp Red Cloud vs. Daegu/Area IV, 9 a.m., Field 5
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Enforcers vs. Yongsan Garrison, 10:20 a.m.

a.m., Field 1
Shanghai vs. Geckos, 10:20 a.m., Field 2
Yokosuka Naval Base vs. Suwon Air Base, 10:20 a.m., Field 5

595th MT vs. Misawa Air Base, 11:40 a.m., Field 1

Sasebo vs. Aviation, 11:40 a.m., Field 2
KKD vs. 94th Military Police, 1 p.m., Field 1

Osan vs. Honor Guard, 1 p.m., Field 2
Camp Red Cloud vs. Aviation, 2:20 p.m., Field 1

Enforcers vs. 595th MT, 3:40 p.m., Field 1
Geckos Glaciers vs. 94th Military Police, 5 p.m., Field 1

Suwon vs. Honor Guard, 5 p.m., Field 2
Daegu/Area IV vs. Kunsan Air Base, 5 p.m., Field 5

Yokosuka Naval Base vs. Ghost Riders, 6:20 p.m., Field 1
Yongsan Garrison vs. Camp Casey, 6:20 p.m., Field 2

Shanghai vs. Camp Humphreys, 6:20 p.m., Field 5
International Guzzlers vs. Sasebo Naval Base, 7:40 p.m., Field 1

American Legion vs. Misawa Air Base, 7:40 p.m., Field 5

Heat 3N2 vs. Osan, 9 p.m., Field 1
Yokota Air Base vs. KKD, 9 p.m., Field 5

American Legion vs. Camp Red Cloud, 10:20 p.m., Field 1

International Guzzlers vs. Enforcers, 10:20 p.m., Field 5

Yokota vs. Suwon, 11:40 p.m., Field 1
Heat 3N2 vs. Geckos Glaciers, 11:40 p.m., Field 5

Sunday's games

Misawa vs. Kunsan, 1 a.m., Field 1
Sasebo vs. Camp Casey, 1 a.m., Field 5

KKD vs. Ghost Riders, 2:20 a.m., Field 1
Osan Air Base vs. Camp Humphreys, 2:20 a.m., Field 5

Daegu/Area IV vs. Yongsan Garrison, 3:40 a.m., Field 1

Shanghai vs. Yokosuka, 3:40 a.m., Field 5
Aviation vs. 595th MT, 5 a.m., Field 1

94th Military Police vs. Honor Guard, 5 a.m., Field 5

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Yokota vs. Suwon, 7:40 a.m., Field 1

American Legion vs. Camp Casey, 7:40 a.m., Field 2

Yard Busters vs. Dreams, 6:20 a.m., Field 3
Red Fox, 8 a.m., Field 1

Sang Ji, Daegu/Area IV, 8 a.m., walkover
Red Fox 15, Camp Humphreys 0

Yongsan Garrison 15, Dreams 0
Yard Busters 15, Daegu/Area IV 1

Sang Ji 13, Dreams 0
Kyong Nam 21, Camp Humphreys 0

Lady Guzzlers 32, Dreams 1
Yard Busters 13, Yongsan Garrison 3

Lady Guzzlers 11, Camp Casey 1
Yard Busters 9, Osan Air Base 5

Lady Guzzlers 5, Kyong Nam 4
Red Fox 15, Camp Casey 0

Yongsan Garrison 11, Osan Air Base 3
Yongsan Garrison 15, Daegu/Area IV 0

Sang Ji 12, Osan Air Base 0
Red Fox 15, Daegu/Area IV 0

Saturday's games

Sang Ji 7, Daegu/Area IV 0, walkover
Red Fox 15, Camp Humphreys 0

Yongsan Garrison 15, Dreams 0
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Saturday's games

Sports briefs

Leaf indicted on drug, burglary charges

The Associated Press

CANYON, Texas — Former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf was indicted by a Randall County grand jury on drug and burglary charges.

The indictment handed up Wednesday in Canyon charged the former San Diego Chargers quarterback and former West Texas A&M quarterbacks coach with one count of burglary to a habitation, seven counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and one count of delivery of a simulated controlled substance.

The indictment said Leaf, 33, presented an incomplete medical history to several physicians between January 2008 and September 2008 to get or try to obtain the painkiller Hydrocodone.

Canyon police Lt. Dale Davis said Leaf is suspected of breaking into a Canyon apartment Oct. 30 and stealing Hydrocodone, which had been prescribed to an injured football player.

"There were signs of a forced entry," Davis said. "A window in the back of the home was [damaged]."

The count of delivery of a simulated controlled substance alleges Leaf gave an individual a substance he said was Hydrocodone but was not that drug.

James Farren, Randall County criminal district attorney, said Leaf has been undergoing drug rehabilitation in British Columbia, the Amarillo Globe-News reported.

Farren told the newspaper that efforts were under way to try to persuade Leaf to return to the United States on his own.

"We have not found any evidence implicating anyone other than Mr. Leaf in this case ... but believe there's additional evidence implicating him in other events," Farren said. He would not elaborate.

Leaf, a Great Falls, Mont., native, helped lead Washington State to the Pacific 10 Conference championship and a Rose Bowl appearance. The Chargers made him the second pick of the 1998 NFL Draft. He played for the Chargers from 1998-2000 and also played for the Dallas Cowboys in 2001. He threw for 3,666 yards and 14 TD in his career.

■ Michael Vick walked into a federal courthouse in Norfolk, Va., on Friday for his first meeting with his probation officer.

Pit bull bites son of Steelers' Harrison

PITTSBURGH — A pit bull owned by Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison reportedly attacked the player's young son, but police, hospital and team officials are releasing little information.

"We're aware of the situation, but it's a personal matter for James," Burt Lauten, spokesman for the Super Bowl champions told The Associated Press on Friday. "We won't be commenting further."

An unidentified neighbor told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette



MIKE McCARN/AP

Ryan Newman studies tire readings during Thursday night's qualifying for the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Newman earned the pole for Sunday's race with a lap at 188.475 mph.

that one of the star player's three dogs got loose Thursday and attacked the boy, James III. His age was not available.

A Franklin Park police officer warned neighbors "to keep our children inside because (Mr. Harrison's) dog had bit somebody," the neighbor told the newspaper.

Neighbors told the newspaper that a second person also was hurt and that Harrison's son was taken to UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. A hospital spokesman said the family does not want information released.

The dog was removed by an animal-control agency.

A Franklin Park police spokeswoman said police are not commenting because the incident remains under investigation.

Harrison is the NFL defensive player of the year and scored a touchdown in the victory over Arizona in this year's Super Bowl.

Schoeneweis says thanks for prayers, support

MIAMI — Arizona Diamondbacks manager A.J. Hinch kept short a text message he sent Thursday to his grieving pitcher, Scott Schoeneweis.

"There are no words worthy of saying at this time," Hinch said.

Schoeneweis was back in suburban Phoenix, where his wife was found dead at their home Wednesday. Police said the cause of death hadn't been determined.

The pitcher released a statement late Thursday through his agent, Scott Boras.

"On behalf of my and Gabrielle's entire family I want to express my deepest appreciation for the prayers and support of my current and former teammates, front office and team personnel and dear friends both inside and outside of the baseball community," Schoeneweis said. "Your support is needed and appreciated during this most difficult time. We want all of you to know how important your love and friend-

ship is to all of us."

Funeral services were scheduled for Monday at the Messenger Pinnacle Peak Mortuary in Scottsdale.

Jerry Koosman pleads guilty to tax evasion

MADISON, Wis. — Former major league pitcher Jerry Koosman pleaded guilty to federal tax evasion and could face up to one year in prison.

Koosman entered the plea Friday in Madison. He will be sentenced July 21.

He was charged in April with failing to file an income tax return before April 15, 2003.

A message left at his home in Osceola was not returned Friday afternoon.

Koosman's attorney, Robert Bernhoft, didn't immediately return a message left at his office.

Koosman, a left-hander, pitched for the New York Mets and won two games in the 1969 World Series. He also pitched for the Minnesota Twins, the Chicago White Sox and the Philadelphia Phillies.

He retired in 1985 with 222 victories.

Judge sets trial date for ex-big leaguer Leyritz

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A Florida judge set a trial date for former major leaguer Jim Leyritz on charges of DUI manslaughter in a fatal car crash.

Leyritz's attorney, J. David Bogenstutz, said the retired New York Yankees player appeared at the hearing Thursday and the trial date was set for Sept. 14.

Police say Leyritz was drunk when he ran a red light in his sport utility vehicle and caused the crash that killed Fredia Ann Veitch, 30, in December 2007 in Fort Lauderdale. Authorities say Veitch also had a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit.

Leyritz, 45, played for six teams in 11 major league seasons, including a stint with the New York Yankees in which he hit a memorable 1996 World Series home

run.

Feds drop remaining charge against Castroneves

MIAMI — Federal prosecutors are dropping a remaining tax-evasion conspiracy charge against former Indianapolis 500 champion Helio Castroneves and his sister.

The decision Friday means a complete acquittal for the Brazilian driver, 33, who has the pole position for Sunday's Indy 500.

Castroneves and his sister, 35, Katiucia were acquitted of other tax-evasion charges April 17.

His lawyer, Alan Miller, also was cleared of all wrongdoing.

The jury failed to agree on the conspiracy charge, resulting in a mistrial on that count. Now prosecutors have decided not to pursue a second trial on that charge.

Castroneves has twice won the Indy 500 and was champion in 2007 of TV's "Dancing With The Stars" competition.

Newman wins pole for Coca-Cola 600

CONCORD, N.C. — Ryan Newman turned a lap at 188.475 mph Thursday night to grab the top starting spot for the Coca-Cola 600.

It was Newman's eighth career pole at Lowe's Motor Speedway — the most of any active driver — and the Stewart-Haas Racing driver's 44th overall.

Kyle Busch will start second Sunday in NASCAR's longest race after a lap of 188.258.

Points leader Jeff Gordon qualified third, followed by Hendrick Motorsports teammates Mark Martin and Jimmie Johnson.

Bill Elliott needed to qualify on speed and earned the 10th spot for his 800th career start.

J.J. Yeley, filling in for suspended driver Jeremy Mayfield, failed to qualify for the race.

Cavendish captures 13 stage of Giro

FLORENCE, Italy — Mark Cavendish won the 13th stage of the Giro d'Italia in a mass sprint Friday for his third victory in this year's race.

Denis Menchov of Russia held on to the overall leader's pink jersey.

Cavendish, the British standout for Team Columbia-High Road, clocked 3 hours, 48 minutes, 36 seconds over the almost entirely flat 109-mile leg from Lido di Camaiore to Florence.

Alessandro Petacchi of Italy finished second and Allan Davis of Australia was third, both with the same time as Cavendish.

Cavendish won the prestigious Milan-San Remo single-day classic in March and wore the pink jersey for a stage after Columbia won the team time trial that opened the Giro.

Menchov kept a 34-second lead over Danilo Di Luca of Italy in the overall standings, with American Levi Leipheimer third, 40 seconds

behind. Menchov, Di Luca, Leipheimer and Lance Armstrong finished with the main pack, eight seconds behind Cavendish,

Wright tells 76ers he's staying at Villanova

PHILADELPHIA — Villanova coach Jay Wright said he talked to the Philadelphia 76ers about the head coaching job but is staying with the Wildcats.

Wright said Friday that he met last week with Sixers president Ed Stefanski to discuss the NBA job. He said he called Stefanski after that and asked to be removed from consideration.

Wright said he was flattered that he was considered, but Villanova is where he wants to coach. Villanova advanced to the Final Four this past season, losing in the national championship North Carolina in the semifinals.

Ex-Vols basketball player accused in home invasion

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Former University of Tennessee basketball guard Ramar Smith is accused of taking money, guns and marijuana in a home invasion and robbery, according to court records.

Knox County Jail Officer Betty Shelton told The Associated Press that Smith, 22, turned himself in early Thursday on a charge of aggravated robbery. He was released on \$15,000 bond.

According to court records obtained by The Knoxville News Sentinel, the victim told police that Smith was at his apartment to buy marijuana.

The victim told police that as he was talking with Smith, another person entered the apartment with a gun. Records accuse the pair of taking \$6,000 in cash and a half pound of marijuana.

Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl dismissed Smith, a native of Mount Clemens, Mich., after the 2007-08 season. He averaged 7.4 points and 3.2 assists that season, but Pearl said he failed to meet expectations off the court.

Furthermore ...

■ The Dallas Cowboys unveiled what they're calling the world's largest high-definition TV: a 72-foot tall, 160-foot wide screen suspended over the field of their new stadium. It extends approximately from 20-yard line to 20-yard line in the \$1.1 billion stadium and is 90 feet above the field.

■ The president of the International Amateur Boxing Association said he is confident women's boxing will be approved for the 2012 London Olympics.

■ Former Orlando Magic guard Carlo Arroyo scored 22 points to lead Maccabi Tel Aviv to an 85-72 victory over the Maccabi Haifa Heat in the final of Israel's basketball league championship.



JOHN F. RHODES/AP

James Nitties hits to the 18th green during the first round of the Byron Nelson Championship on Thursday. Nitties finished with four consecutive birdies for a share of the first-round lead.

Golf roundup

Rookie holds his own

Birdie finish gives Nitties share of Byron Nelson lead

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — PGA Tour rookie James Nitties finished with four consecutive birdies for a 5-under 65 and a share of the first-round lead with Ken Duke in the HP Byron Nelson Championship on Thursday.

On his tour bio, Nitties lists his interests as clubbing, girls and movies, but the Australian said he's trying to stay focused on a string of tournaments that could end with a spot in the U.S. Open.

"It's not easy, but I just made an executive decision where I have to play well over the next five weeks," Nitties, 26, said. "It's not just fun and games out here."

Duke, the other surprise at the top of the leaderboard, snapped a streak of 11 consecutive rounds in the 70s to share the first-round lead for only the second time in his 118 career starts. His putt at No. 18 stopped 3 inches from the hole, or he could have had another birdie and the lead alone.

"You think you should do better than you're doing, and then you press the issues and don't just let it come to you," Duke, 40, said. "I guess that's kind of what I've done." Until the Nelson, in which he had five birdies over eight holes after being even through the first eight.

Mike Weir, Scott McCarron, Charles Howell III and Brad Adamonis shot 66s, and Jesper Parnevik and Tommy Armour III were among a group of a dozen players

with 67s. Vijay Singh, the world No. 9 player and highest-ranked after Phil Mickelson's withdrawal, shot 70. Defending champion Adam Scott started with consecutive bogeys and went on to a 71.

Nitties, who finished second at the tour qualifying tournament last autumn, was 1 under through 14 holes. After seeing the scores, he thought he'd be in decent shape with one more birdie.

Nitties then knocked his approach within 5 feet at the 504-yard 15th, and 6 feet at the par-5 16th. After a 13-foot birdie at the 198-yard 17th — his longest made putt of the day — he closed with another 5-footer.

Champions Tour: At Beachwood, Ohio, Scott Hoch bogeyed the final two holes for a 4-under 66 and a share of the first-round lead with Tom Purtzer in the 70th Senior PGA Championship, the first major of the year for the 50-plus set.

Their 66s matched the lowest competitive score at venerable Canterbury Golf Club, which joined Oak Hill in Rochester, N.Y., as the only courses to host all five of the premier U.S. men's championships played at rotating sites.

Germany's Bernhard Langer, a two-time winner this year and the Champions Tour's top money-winner, had a 68 and was alone in third. Tom Kite, John Morse, Mark James, Joey Sindelar, Larry Mize, Dana Quigley and Fred Gibson were the only other

players under par, each with a 69.

LPGA Tour: At Corning, N.Y., France's Karine Icher and South Korea's Hee Young Park shot 8-under 64s to share the first-round lead in the final LPGA Corning Classic.

Park had eight one-putt birdies, only one from more than 10 feet, and completed her round on the forgiving Corning Country Club course with a 6-footer at No. 18. Icher, playing in the final threesome, tied her with an 8-foot putt at No. 18. Minea Blomqvist, Sandra Gal, Sarah Lee, Soo-Yun Kang, and Hee-Won Han shot 65s, and Paula Creamer, Morgan Pressel, Nicole Castrale, Sarah Kemp, Jimin Jeong and Na Yeon Choi opened with 66s. Michelle Wie shot a 73.

European PGA: At Virginia Water, England, Paul Casey started better than he finished with an erratic 5-under 67 for the lead halfway through the BMW PGA Championship on Friday.

At 8 under overall, Casey led by two shots over defending champion Miguel Angel Jimenez (70), David Horsey (71), Anthony Wall (71) and Soren Kjeldsen (69).

Ben Curtis was among three players another stroke back, and Colin Montgomerie and Rory McIlroy were at 2 under. Jose Maria Olazabal, voted into the World Hall of Fame this week, birdied his last two holes for a 70 and joined John Daly, with a 71, at two under.

Top-seeded Nadal gets boost from French Open draw

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

PARIS — Rafael Nadal's most recent matches were a loss to Roger Federer and a four-hour struggle to beat Novak Djokovic, both on clay, so the French Open draw brought good news Friday for the four-time defending champion.

Federer and Djokovic are lined up to meet in the semifinals, meaning the top-seeded Nadal could face only one as he bids to become the first man to win the clay-court Grand Slam tournament five consecutive years.

Not that Nadal is looking ahead to a potential final against one of those two. Or even a possible semifinal against No. 3 Andy Murray. The Spaniard won't even acknowledge he feels pressure to add to his 28-0 record at Roland Garros, where play starts Sunday.

"My only pressure is to try to play good tennis, try to play well, and later we will see what happens, no?" Nadal said.

"The tournament is always really tough. Long matches, against the best players of the world, no? So we will see."

Serena and Venus Williams were drawn into opposite sides of the tournament and could meet in the championship match.

Serena beat Venus in the 2002 final for the family's only singles title at Roland Garros. They have won 16 majors elsewhere.

Top-ranked Dinara Safina starts against Anne Keothavong of Britain.

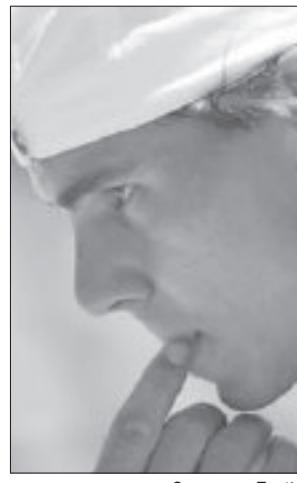
Federer reiterated Friday that he got "a big boost" from winning last weekend's Madrid Open final, ending Nadal's 33-match winning streak on clay.

Djokovic derives confidence from having held three match points in a narrow semifinal loss to Nadal in Madrid.

"Getting closer and closer. So there's only one more point to go," said Djokovic, the 2008 Australian Open champion. "I played probably one of the best matches in my life against him on the clay court, even though I lost it. I must be proud of myself."

Federer, too, took heart from seeing what happened in that semifinal.

"When someone dominates a surface like Rafa does, it's good to see that he almost lost to Djokovic — that it's doable, if you play



French Open championship — and tie Pete Sampras with a record 14th major singles title — will start against Alberto Martin of Spain.

Nadal was drawn to face a qualifier in the first round and could meet two-time majors champion Lleyton Hewitt in the third, then 14th-seeded David Ferrer in the fourth.

Hewitt's first match is against No. 26 Ivo Karlovic, the 6-foot-11 player from Croatia who upset him in the first round at Wimbledon in 2003, when Hewitt was the reigning champion.

Murray's first opponent is Argentina's Juan Ignacio Chela, a 2004 French Open quarterfinalist whose four career tour titles have come on clay and who once was ranked 15th.

Chela missed the past three majors because of a herniated disc.

"He's obviously a tough clay-court player," Murray said. "Definitely can't afford to look past him."

The potential men's quarterfinals are Nadal vs. No. 8 Fernando Verdasco in what would be a rematch of a five-set thriller in the Australian Open semis, Murray

vs. No. 7 Gilles Simon, Federer vs. No. 6 Andy Roddick, and Djokovic vs. No. 5 Juan Martin Del Potro.

The possible women's quarterfinals are Safina vs. defending champion Ana Ivanovic, No. 2 Serena Williams vs. No. 7 Svetlana Kuznetsova, No. 3 Venus Williams vs. No. 6 Vera Zvonareva, and No. 4 Elena Dementieva vs. No. 5 Jelena Jankovic.

Maria Sharapova will play Anastasiya Yakimova of Belarus in her first Grand Slam match since Wimbledon last year.

The unseeded Sharapova returned to the tour this week after missing nearly 10 months because of a shoulder injury.

Serena Williams will meet Klara Zakopalova of the Czech Republic in the first round, and Venus will face Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the United States.

Serena won the past two Grand Slam tournaments, but has lost her past four matches while dealing with a bad knee.

"I don't think I'm the favorite coming in," she said.

"I'm glad to be here more than anything."

Associated Press Writer Trung Lattieule contributed to this report.

Power's play at Penske may be over soon

BY MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Will Power looks at the statistics and shakes his head.

Runner-up in his last IndyCar race at Long Beach. Sixth in the opener at St. Petersburg. Ninth in points this season, and No. 9 on the 33-car starting grid for Sunday's Indianapolis 500.

And Sunday's race could be Power's last of the year.

The 28-year-old Australian understood this was possible when he accepted Penske Racing's offer to temporarily replace Helio Castroneves in January. Rather than risk everything on a possible full-time gig in a bad economy, Powers opted for a safer play — joining the series' most prominent team while the two-time Indy winner fought federal tax evasion charges.

Now that Castroneves is back, Power's future is unclear.

"I have no clue what's going to happen," he said. "It's always on your mind, but it's out of my control."

Should Power win at Indy, it would be tough for Roger Penske to let him go. A top-10 finish Sunday might be enough to turn heads, yet an early exit could leave Power unemployed.

Power understands the stakes: Every lap, every pass, every move will be closely monitored by Penske and others.

"That's true, and it's certainly on your mind all the time," he said. "But I've tried to be pretty



TOM STRATTMAN/AP

Will Power, left, Helio Castroneves, center, and Ryan Briscoe talk in the pit area during practice on May 17 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Power temporarily replaced Castroneves on the Penske Racing team while Castroneves was battling tax evasion charges in court. Now that Castroneves is back on the track, the Indy 500 could be Power's last race of the year.

focused on the car and just keep working away."

Team president Tim Cindric has been impressed with Power's performance — two top-10 finishes this year and four in a row dating to last year's final two points races.

"People can make the assumption that it depends on this race," Cindric said. "But that's certainly not our approach. Even if he did great at Indy, we may not have the sponsors, and this is still a business."

The car's primary sponsor, Ve-

rrizon Wireless, has only agreed to fund a car through Indy.

When Castroneves returned to the team just in time for the Long Beach race, Penske rewarded Power by putting him in a third car for that race and promising him a start in the No. 12 Verizon

Wireless car at Indy. Nothing more.

Power gladly took it.

"Nothing came as a surprise to me," he said. "They keep you updated all the time and what happened at Long Beach, I knew could happen and it did happen. So we went to Plan B."

What is Plan C?

If Power leaves Penske, he could give another team a rare insider's look at Penske's operation.

In the past 10 years, only three full-time drivers have left the team: Sam Hornish Jr. joined Penske's NASCAR team, 2003 Indy winner Gil de Ferran retired, and Al Unser Jr. jumped from the CART circuit to the Indy Racing League after making 101 starts for Penske.

But what Power learned over the past 4 1/2 months has given him some idea of what to look for in a future employer.

"It depends on the budget of the team and the people running it," he said. "I know how the top team operates at this level and what a really good car feels like. I've just enjoyed working with this team because everyone gets along so well."

In fact, he'd rather stay.

If that's not possible, Power will try to re-emerge as a young force for another owner with no regrets about his stay at Penske.

"I know I want, really want, to stay here and work within this team," he said. "But right now, I'm just working hard on the car and learning as much as I can."

Fisher breaking boundaries in new ways as owner

BY RACHEL COHEN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sarah Fisher doesn't sound that excited about setting the record for most Indianapolis 500 starts by a female driver.

"I'm proud of that, don't get me wrong," she said this week while promoting the race with other drivers in New York. "I think that's really cool."

But then it's right back to talking about her team. Fisher is smashing boundaries in a much bigger way than just getting behind the wheel for the eighth time at the Brickyard.

She's the only female owner-driver in the IndyCar Series — and that job title means she has to think like an owner who happens to drive, not the other way around.

Every decision has to be based on what's best for Sarah Fisher Racing rather than what's best for Sarah Fisher, the racer.

"Man, I respect anyone who owns their own team," Danica Patrick said Thursday in Indianapolis. "When we were up in New York this week, she was talking about her per diem. I was like, 'Man, you have to think about that?' I can't even fathom that. But you have to when you own the team."

Fisher formed the team with her husband and crew chief, Andy O'Gara, last year. It turned out to be a rough time to start a small business. Her primary sponsor, a sports drink, pulled out of the deal just before the 2008 Indianapolis 500.

Dollar General stepped in last summer, and as the recession forces shoppers to value every penny, it's proved to be an attractive sponsor. Fisher is running an abbreviated schedule of six events this year; she hopes to race all the ovals in 2010.

In this tough economy, in this tough sport, success is measured by moving forward — no matter how incrementally. Hire a new employee? Add another race? Those are major victories.

Fisher is only 28, but when she talks about her future, she sounds much older. Or perhaps she just sounds like somebody who's nine years removed from her first Indy 500 start.

"As you get older, your goals change," she said. "Marrying Andy and seeing the qualities we both had together, it seemed only natural that that would be our next step. We dreamt it, we discussed, and we did it."

Indianapolis 500 pole-winner Helio Castroneves said if he or teammate Ryan Briscoe couldn't win Sunday, he'd like to see Fish-



TOM STRATTMAN/AP

Sarah Fisher flashes the all-systems-are-go sign after qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 10.

er take the checkered flag because of the work she's put in to build her own team.

She's been working 14-hour days the last few months. Every decision could mean the dif-

ference between success and failure.

"Is it good? Is it bad? Regardless, it's all ours," Fisher said. "We're responsible for it. That weighs a lot on your shoulders. It's a little stressful at times. But at the end of the day, it's more than worth it."

Fisher's long list of firsts includes becoming the first woman to capture an IndyCar pole when she set a track-record qualifying time at Kentucky in 2002. Part of why the Indianapolis 500 record might not seem so huge is that she has so many more precedents to set as an owner.

"It's such a big thing to showcase for little girls growing up," Fisher said. "It's not so much just being the athlete but being someone who can go and take a business and grow it."

She figures she maybe wants to race three more years or so.

"I don't know," Fisher said. "I'm 28, and I've been here for 10 years. At 15 years, you wonder if you want to start having a family and moving on."

But for now, the best decision for Sarah Fisher Racing is to have Sarah Fisher, the racer, in the cockpit.

"I'm in that stage of life where we're still doing this and we're doing a good job of it," she said, "so why stop?"

NBA scoreboard

Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)

Eastern Conference

Cleveland vs. Orlando

Orlando 107, Cleveland 106, Orlando leads series 1-0

Friday: Orlando at Cleveland

Sunday: Cleveland at Orlando

Tuesday: Cleveland at Orlando

Thursday, May 28: Orlando at Cleveland

Saturday, May 30: Cleveland at Orlando

Monday, June 1: Orlando at Cleveland

Western Conference

L.A. Lakers vs. Denver

L.A. Lakers 105, Denver 103

Thursday: Denver 106, L.A. Lakers 103, series tied 1-1

Saturday: L.A. Lakers at Denver

Monday: L.A. Lakers at Denver

Wednesday: Denver at L.A. Lakers

Friday, May 29: L.A. Lakers at Denver*

Sunday, May 31: Denver at L.A. Lakers*

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*If necessary

Thursday

Nuggets 106, Lakers 103

DENVER — Anthony 12-29 10-14 34, Martin 6-15 10-22 16, Nene 2-5 2-3 6, Billups 6-15 13-16 27, Jones 1-4 0-0 2, Smith 1-6-0, 0-3, Andersen 1-2 0-2, Kleiza 5-8 2-2 16, Carter 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 35-79 29-37 106.

LA. LAKERS — Ariza 6-7 6-8 20, Gasol 5-8 7-10 17, Bynum 4-8 1-3 9, Fisher 1-9-0 3, Bryant 10-20 10-10 32, Odom 4-9 2-2 10, Vujacic 0-4 0-0 0, Walton 1-3 0-0 2, Brown 3-8 1-2 6, Farman 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 35-77 27-35 103.

Denver 23 31 26 26—106
L.A. Lakers 31 24 26 22—103

Three-Point Goals—Denver 7-21 (Kleiza 4-7, Billups 2-4, Smith 1-4, Anthony 0-6), L.A. Lakers 6-15 (Ariza 2-2, Bryant 2-4, Brown 1-1, Fisher 1-5, Vujacic 0-1, Odom 0-1, Walton 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 52 (Anthony, Nene 9), L.A. Lakers 50 (Gasol 17). Assists—Denver 20 (Nene 6), L.A. Lakers 21 (Walton 4). Total Fouls—Denver 29, L.A. Lakers 27. Technicals—Billups, Martin, Gasol. A—18,997 (18,997).

West: Melo paces Nuggets

WEST, FROM BACK PAGE

Derek Fisher launched a three-pointer from the right corner that Nene got a piece of as time expired.

“I figured they were going to try to foul to prevent us from shooting a three,” he said. “I got rid of it a little quicker than I probably had to. Definitely don’t want to put yourself in a position where you need that kind of shot to try and tie the game.”

Tied at 101, Martin made the layup off Nene’s assist that gave the Nuggets the lead for good.

Bryant dribbled upcourt and got into traffic, with Nene tipping the ball away to earn a jump ball with 18 seconds left. Gasol controlled the tip to Ariza, but the ball squirted away and Fisher fouled Billups. He made both for a 105-101 lead.

“Looked to me like Anthony pushed on Trevor and Trevor tried to get rid of the ball, and no foul was called and they recovered the basketball,” Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

Martin then fouled Gasol, who made both before Billups got fouled.

The Lakers were shaky on free throws in the fourth, making 9 of 14, while Denver didn’t blink at the line. The Nuggets were 29-for-37, with Billups going 13-for-16 and Anthony 10-for-14.

Kleiza’s three-pointer early

in the fourth quarter gave the Nuggets an 85-82 lead, their first since the game’s opening minutes. Billups followed with two free throws and Anthony hit two straight baskets to extend Denver’s lead to 91-84.

Bryant missed a jumper, but he came up big on the Lakers’ next possession, hitting a three-pointer with Anthony’s hand in his face. Shannon Brown tossed in a three and Lamar Odom made two free throws as part of an 11-

2 run that put the Lakers back in front 95-93.

Denver regained the lead before Bryant’s three-pointer, again with Anthony guarding closely, tied the game at 99 with 1:59 remaining. Billups made two free throws before Bryant’s jumper tied it at 101.

The Lakers led by 14 early in the second quarter before Denver outscored them 14-2 to get to 55-54 at halftime.

Dahntay Jones picked up three early fouls and headed for the bench and J.R. Smith was limited because of a calf strain. Chris An-

Kleiza was certainly a player under the radar coming into the series. He was averaging 6.4 points and 2.6 rebounds entering Thursday’s game. His four three-pointers were a career playoff-high.

His production was something the Lakers could have used from their reserves, who managed a total of 22 points, 10 from Lamar Odom and eight from Shannon Brown.

ers* suburban training facility to prepare for Game 2. The mood was typically loose during the portion open to the media.

In the opener, James was bothered by leg cramps in the fourth quarter that became so severe he was forced to call timeout for treatment. He blamed part of his fatigue on the long layoff since the Cavs swept Atlanta, saying it was impossible to replicate the game-day adrenaline rush during practice.

James said he was physically fine and mentally refreshed.

“I hate to lose, so I was sick after the game,” he said. “But today is a new day. I’m fine.”

With their superstar’s shot dropping, the Cavaliers reverted to a bad habit they had seemingly abandoned. During stretches of the second half, James’ teammates stood around on offense and watched him.

The Cavs weren’t much better on defense as Howard pounded them inside and Lewis, who went 5-for-5 in the fourth, killed them from the perimeter.

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Major League Baseball statistics

Through May 21

American League

	TEAM BATTING	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Toronto	1571 239 452 52 226 .284						
Los Angeles	1376 194 383 33 183 .278						
Boston	1411 223 389 48 214 .276						
Minnesota	1444 215 393 44 203 .276						
Cleveland	1359 209 382 41 204 .274						
Tampa Bay	1485 234 405 50 222 .277						
Texas	1405 215 381 64 210 .271						
New York	1437 232 390 66 219 .260						
Detroit	1317 214 357 46 206 .271						
Baltimore	1407 201 377 46 190 .268						
Kansas City	1377 187 358 37 176 .260						
Seattle	1428 162 359 36 154 .251						
Chicago	1328 158 325 40 153 .245						
Oakland	1338 169 322 24 164 .241						

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Based on 136 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
VMartinez Cle	165 32 66 7 30 .400					
McCabeira Det	147 27 56 8 32 .381					
Bartlett TB	149 29 56 6 23 .376					
AdJones Bal	140 36 51 9 27 .364					
AHill Tor	191 30 66 11 35 .346					
Kubel Min	140 22 47 5 23 .336					
MYoung Tex	161 25 54 7 17 .335					
Callaspo KC	138 21 46 2 16 .333					
Longoria TB	161 31 53 11 46 .329					
ACabreira Cle	162 32 53 1 22 .327					
Markakis Bal	159 36 52 7 35 .327					
Morneau Min	159 32 52 12 33 .327					
Crawford TB	173 28 55 1 19 .318					
Pedroia Bos	157 32 50 1 14 .318					
Damon NYY	154 33 49 10 28 .318					
Cano NYY	167 28 53 8 25 .317					
ISuzuki Sea	152 15 48 4 13 .316					
Konero CWS	144 20 45 6 27 .313					
Rolen Tor	142 22 44 3 15 .310					
Barajas Tor	123 15 38 3 23 .309					
Branyan Sea	130 25 40 10 20 .308					
Hunter LAA	147 29 49 9 31 .306					
KSuzuki Oak	141 19 43 26 30 .303					
Lind Tor	165 25 50 5 35 .303					
Chen Cle	145 24 44 5 26 .303					
Ellsbury Bos	142 22 52 13 .302					
Bay Bos	143 34 43 13 44 .301					
Abreu LAA	140 45 42 0 16 .300					
Span Min	164 23 49 2 20 .299					
Kinsler Tex	166 31 49 11 32 .295					
Iwamura TB	146 16 43 0 16 .295					
Byrd Tex	134 16 39 2 18 .291					
BRoberts Bal	166 35 48 6 17 .289					
Lowell Bos	159 21 46 7 29 .289					
Butler KC	138 22 39 3 20 .283					
Scutaro Tor	168 36 47 5 20 .280					
Inge Det	132 28 37 11 29 .280					
Figgins LAA	154 25 43 0 9 .279					
Teahen KC	147 20 41 5 16 .279					
NCruz Tex	144 19 40 8 25 .278					
Cuddyer Min	153 26 42 6 25 .275					
KMorales LAA	146 20 40 8 26 .274					
Jeter NYY	165 25 45 5 19 .273					
Rios Tor	184 23 50 5 21 .272					
Holiday Oak	144 21 39 5 26 .271					
Dye CWS	137 23 37 10 25 .270					
Betancourt Sea	134 9 36 2 14 .269					
VWells Tor	183 28 49 5 21 .268					
Polanco Det	151 18 40 0 16 .265					
AHuff Bal	159 19 42 7 34 .264					
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IDrews Bos	159 24 31 6 20 .258					
PScheone Oak	152 19 39 9 22 .257					
Ordonez Det	133 18 34 2 17 .256					
EFutierrez Sea	123 17 31 3 17 .256					
DeRosa Cle	162 25 41 6 26 .253					
HMatsui NYY	123 12 31 5 14 .252					
Teixeira NYY	144 26 36 11 32 .252					
BFrancisco Cle	121 20 30 4 14 .248					
CPena TB	151 30 37 14 35 .245					
Crisp KC	147 29 36 3 14 .245					
OCabrera Oak	161 17 39 2 15 .245					
Kendrick LAA	137 20 33 4 20 .241					
Blackburn Min	156 18 35 3 17 .240					
Swisher NYY	130 26 31 9 23 .238					
Blalock Tex	139 21 33 10 24 .237					
Quentin CWS	120 19 28 8 19 .233					
JoLopez Sea	156 18 35 9 19 .224					
Fields CWS	135 14 29 2 13 .215					
Sizemore Cle	169 23 36 7 26 .213					
AllRamirez CWS	127 8 27 1 14 .213					
CDavis Tex	137 21 29 10 21 .212					
DOritz Bos	142 15 30 1 18 .211					
Gambi Oak	125 22 26 3 18 .208					
Beltre Sea	164 18 34 2 15 .207					
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Toronto	3.94	368	174	308	3	8	
Detroit	3.99	326	151	248	6	8	
Seattle	4.20	379	176	358	4	11	
Oakland	4.42	368	172	246	0	8	
Los Angeles	4.49	362	176	238	4	12	
Baltimore	4.53	382	179	324	2	21	
Tampa Bay	4.78	391	188	323	2	11	
Chicago	4.78	391	185	266	2	9	
New York	5.15	384	212	167	29	10	
Minnesota	5.16	398	213	125	250	1	
Cleveland	5.58	406	228	169	270	1	9
Baltimore	5.75	424	227	137	255	1	7

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

	Based on 4 decisions	IP	H	B	SO	W	LERA
Frasor Tor	16	9	1	11	4	0.056	
RRamirez Bos	23	11	7	13	4	1.079	

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Bettos Bos	48	46	26	5	25.85		
Liriano Min	51	49	25	40	2	5	6.04



AL BEHRMAN/AP

Philadelphia's Raul Ibanez ranks atop the NL with 15 home runs and 40 RBIs while batting .349.

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New York	5.15	384	212	167	29	10	
Minnesota	5.16	398	213	125	250	1	
Cleveland	5.58	406	228	169	270	1	9
Baltimore	5.75	424	227	137	255	1	7

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Rockies cook up a romp

BY CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Aaron Cook kept throwing sinkers, and his infielders kept making plays.

Cook pitched a four-hitter and Todd Helton hit a grand slam to signal the end of Colorado's power slump as the Rockies beat the Atlanta Braves 9-0 on Thursday night.

Cook (3-1) retired the final 16 batters for his second career shutout. He induced 20 groundouts and did not allow a baserunner to advance past second in gaining his first victory in eight career starts against Atlanta.

"I didn't need to show up today," said Rockies catcher Chris Iannetta of his easy task of calling pitches for Cook. "The choice was between a sinker and a sinker. ... It was the best sinker I've seen this year."

Jeff Francoeur singled with two outs in the fourth and then Cook retired everyone else. The only other hits that Cook gave up were a single to Chipper Jones in the first and back-to-back singles by Francoeur and Jordan Schafer in the second.

"When he's got that sinker with that late movement, it's every bit as good as it gets in this game," Braves catcher Brian McCann said. "He baited us and made us swing at tough pitches."

Colorado second baseman Clint Barnes had 10 assists.

"I was cheering for the guys making the plays," Cook said of his infielders. "I was throwing strikes, keeping the ball down. ... I always take a lot of pride in our defense."

The Rockies had gone four games — and 46 innings — without a homer before Helton's shot in the fourth inning. Before that mini-drought, the Rockies had not had as many as two straight games without a homer this season.

The Rockies posted only their second shutout of the season. The other was 3-0 over Arizona in the second game of the season.

Helton had three hits and drove in five runs as the Rockies spoiled Kris Medlen's major league debut.

Medlen (0-1) gave up five runs in three innings. He left after facing four batters in the fourth.

The Rockies recovered after losing games Wednesday and Thursday by a combined 20-5.

"We definitely needed this one, no doubt about that, especially after the way we got beat last night," Helton said of the Braves' 12-4 victory Wednesday night.

Helton, who opened the series with his 2,000th career hit Tuesday night, helped give the Rockies a split of the four games with another memorable game. He



GREGORY SMITH/AP

Colorado Rockies first baseman Todd Helton watches his grand slam barely elude the glove of Atlanta outfielder Jeff Francoeur for a grand slam in the fourth inning of Thursday night's game at Atlanta. Helton also had a run-scoring double in the game.

enjoyed his 10th career game with five RBIs while hitting his fifth career grand slam, his first since Sept. 10, 2006 against Washington.

Medlen, 23, earned his promotion by posting a 5-0 record with a 1.19 ERA in eight games with Triple-A Gwinnett, Ga. His major league debut included two wild pitches, a hit batter, a balk and five walks — all while recording only nine outs.

"I can't explain it, but whatever it was, it's unacceptable," Medlen said. "I felt fine. I can't explain what happened. ... The wheels fell off."

After Medlen's second wild pitch far outside the reach of McCann in the fourth inning, manager Bobby Cox and assistant trainer Jim Lovell hurried out to the mound. Cox said he was concerned that a drop in the velocity of Medlen's pitches was a sign the right-hander was injured.

Medlen remained in the game, but walked Clint Barnes on four pitches to load the bases with no

outs. Braves pitching coach Roger McDowell visited Medlen, who then hit Cook in the left elbow with a pitch, forcing in a run.

Cox returned to the mound to pull Medlen.

Reliever James Parr almost stranded the three runners he inherited. After recording outs on popups by Dexter Fowler and Troy Tulowitzki, Parr gave up the grand slam to Helton on a 3-2 fastball to give Colorado a 6-0 lead.

"When the count was 3-2, I said 'This kid's in trouble. He's got to throw a strike to get him out,'" Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said of Parr.

Helton's homer was just beyond the reach of Francoeur, who had to look in his glove to see he didn't make the catch.

"The wind was blowing pretty good, and the ball barely got out," Helton said.

Helton drove in Dexter Fowler with a sixth-inning double off Parr.

NL roundup

Padres' sweep sweeter with Peavy and Gwynn

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres' whirlwind Thursday started with the team keeping its ace pitcher and finished with the club extending its season-high winning streak as a familiar name scored the winning run.

Jake Peavy vetoed a proposed trade to the Chicago White Sox earlier Thursday. Then the Padres' newest member, Tony Gwynn Jr., scored the deciding run as San Diego beat the San Francisco Giants 3-2.

Scott Hairston hit a bases-loaded single with two outs off Brian Wilson to give the Padres a season-high sixth straight victory and a three-game sweep.

"It's been a crazy 24 hours," Peavy said before the game.

"I'm glad to be back," said Gwynn Jr., who grew up in the Padres' locker room during his Hall of Fame father's 20-year career, all spent in San Diego. "It still hasn't really kicked in yet. But my nerves were actually pretty good being up at the plate in the ninth inning."

San Diego obtained Gwynn Jr. from Milwaukee for outfielder Jody Gerut.

Kevin Kouzmanoff led off the San Diego ninth with an infield single off Wilson and was sacrificed to second. Gwynn Jr. then pinch hit and drew a walk. After pinch-hitter Edgar Gonzalez struck out, Brian Giles walked to load the bases.

Wilson then hit David Eckstein in the left shoulder to force in the tying run before Hairston lined a single to left to end it.

"He (Wilson) got off to a bad start with the dribbler," San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said of Kouzmanoff's hit. "The walks and the hit batter killed us."

Heath Bell (2-0), who gave up his first earned run of the season on Randy Winn's RBI single in the ninth, picked up the victory.

San Diego won all three games by one run, the first two by scores of 2-1.

"We're being tested right now," Bochy said. "This was as tough a series as you could have, the way we lost."

The Giants wasted a solid outing by Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum. The right-hander allowed one run and four hits over seven innings. He struck out 10, walked one and hit one batter.

Kevin Correia allowed just two singles before he gave up a two-out solo homer to Aaron Rowand in the sixth to tie it 1-1.

Correia gave up one run on six hits over 6 1/3 innings.

Nationals 5, Pirates 4: At Washington, Ryan Zimmerman and Adam Dunn had RBI singles in the eighth, helping the Nationals end a seven-game skid with a come-from-behind victory.

Cristian Guzman started the decisive rally in the eighth with a one-out single off Tom Gorzelanny (1-1) and moved to second on Nick Johnson's single to center. Zimmerman followed with a tying single to right, the 39th straight game in which he has reached base.

Dunn put Washington ahead with the fourth straight single of the inning.

Julian Tavarez (1-3) got the victory with 1 2/3 innings of scoreless relief. Joel Hanrahan got three outs for his fourth save.

Adam LaRoche homered for the Pirates, who had a five-game winning streak come to an end.

Diamondbacks 4, Marlins 3: At Miami, Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning as the Diamondbacks took advantage of the Marlins' weary bullpen to rally for a victory.

Reynolds' home run came off Cristian Martinez, who was making his major league debut. Florida's relievers were spent after a doubleheader split Wednesday, capped by Arizona's victory in a 13-inning nightcap that ended well after midnight.

The Diamondbacks' Clay Zavada (1-0) also made his major league debut and pitched a perfect seventh.

Cardinals 3, Cubs 1: At St. Louis, Adam Wainwright came within an out of St. Louis' second complete game during a three-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs. Albert Pujols hit a first-inning homer that knocked out the "I" on the Big Mac Land sign in left.

Wainwright (4-2) gave up five hits in 8 1/3 innings, striking out seven with one walk before Ryan Franklin got Milton Bradley to line out with a man on for his 11th save in 12 chances.

The Cubs were limited to two runs in the series and have lost four in a row.

Brewers 4, Astros 3: At Houston, Prince Fielder drove in two runs with a single and Corey Hart had an RBI double during a three-run seventh as the Brewers rallied past the Astros.

Hunter Pence and Miguel Tejada homered for the Astros, who blew a 3-0 lead after manager Cecil Cooper and first baseman Lance Berkman were ejected for arguing a close call at home.

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AL roundup

Bullpen rescues Yanks vs. Birds

Chamberlain hurt in first inning but relievers pitch in to save day

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi was concerned after right-hander Joba Chamberlain was struck by Adam Jones' liner in the first inning.

Hours later, Chamberlain was gliding through New York's clubhouse and the Yankees were still rolling.

Robinson Cano drove in three runs and Alfredo Aceves led a solid effort by a depleted bullpen as New York beat the Baltimore Orioles 7-4 on Thursday night for its ninth straight victory.

Nothing seems to bother the Yankees these days.

"It feels great," said Mariano Rivera, who tossed a perfect ninth for his 57th save against Baltimore, his most against any team. "We're playing together. We're playing as a team."

Chamberlain was forced from the game in the first inning with a bruised right knee after being hit by Jones' hard-hit comebacker. X-rays were negative, and Chamberlain insisted he would make his next start.

"I'm 100 percent confident," he said. "Did some tests and it felt fine, a little stiff obviously but that's just going to be the way it is. We'll come back tomorrow and get after it."

Rivera's second save in two days and ninth in 10 opportunities this season capped an admirable effort by New York's bullpen. Aceves (3-0) followed Chamberlain with $3\frac{1}{3}$ scoreless innings. Jonathan Albaladejo gave up four runs and five hits over $2\frac{1}{3}$ innings but Jose Veras got three outs to get the ball to Rivera.

Aceves hasn't given up a run in $9\frac{1}{3}$ innings over his past five appearances since May 13.

"That's a tough game because you're asking an awful lot out of your bullpen," Girardi said. "We were somewhat fortunate."

Brian Roberts and Nick Markakis homered for the Orioles, who have lost four straight and five of six. Ty Wigginton hit a two-run double in the sixth to end an 0-for-16 skid by Baltimore pinch hitters since the start of the season.

Adam Eaton (2-5) gave up seven runs and eight hits in $4\frac{2}{3}$ innings. He is 0-2 with a 13.03 ERA in his past two starts, leaving his spot in the rotation in jeopardy.

"Eaton did not pitch well but we found a way to make a game of it," manager Dave Trembley said. "We had the tying run at the plate, and from where we started it was a lot to ask of our guys but we did the best we could."

Indians 8, Royals 3: Victor Martinez drove in three runs and the Indians got past Zack Grein-

ke by getting to the Kansas City bullpen.

Greinke's record stayed at 7-1 with his first no-decision in nine starts. He went six innings, gave up a season-high eight hits and left with a 3-2 lead. His major league-leading ERA crept up to 0.82 from 0.60.

Asdrubal Cabrera had four hits and two RBIs as Cleveland beat the same opponent two times in a row for the first time this season.

Carl Pavano (4-4) went six innings for the Indians. Rafael Betancourt came in with the bases loaded and none out in the ninth and got three outs on four pitches for his first save in three chances.

Rays 6, Athletics 5: At St. Petersburg, Fla., pinch-hitter Ben Zobrist tied it with a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth and Carl Crawford won it with a run-scoring single.

Zobrist connected off Andrew Bailey. After Diner Navarro doubled and B.J. Upton walked against Brad Ziegler (0-1), Crawford lined the winning single to center.

Adam Kennedy had an RBI single and Ryan Sweeney drew a bases-loaded walk off Joe Nelson (1-0) to give Oakland a 5-3 lead in the top of the ninth.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 1: Jason Bay set a Red Sox record with his 11th straight homer with runners on base and Jon Lester rebounded from two bad outings as Boston completed a three-game sweep.

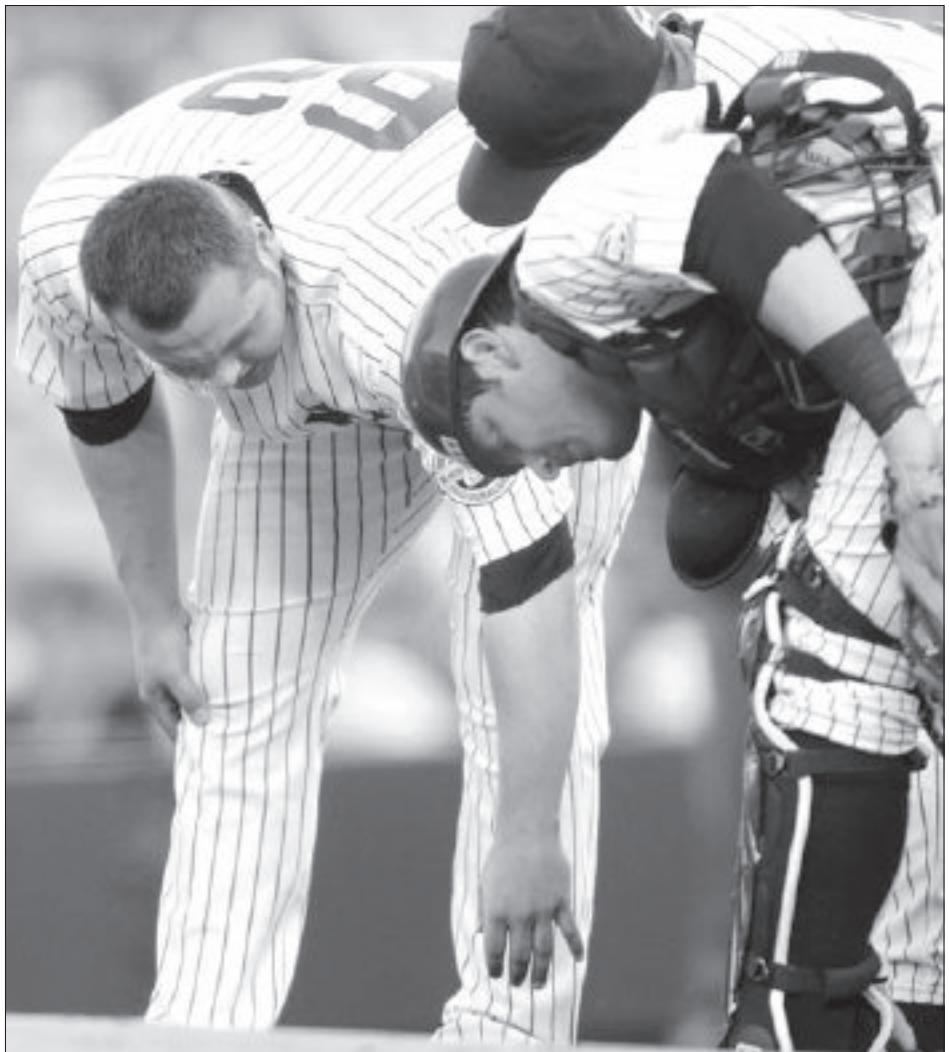
Bay hit his 13th homer, a two-run shot in a three-run first inning, and Boston led 5-0 before Aaron Hill singled in Toronto's run in the seventh.

The Blue Jays began the series with the most runs in the majors but totaled just five against the Red Sox and suffered their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Angels 3, Mariners 0: Juan Rivera, Gary Matthews Jr. and Howie Kendrick accounted for the Angels' first three hits of the game with home runs, and Joe Saunders made the lead stand up.

Rivera welcomed back Seattle starter Erik Bedard, scratched from his last start with a bad hamstring, by hooking a 3-1 pitch just inside the left-field pole with two outs in the first. Two innings later, Matthews went deep for the first time since Sept. 23, also against Seattle, with a line drive into the Angels' bullpen in left.

Kendrick capped the night with a solo shot off reliever Garrett Olson with two outs in the eighth.



PAUL J. BERESWILL/AP

New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain tells where it hurts after being hit by a line drive off the bat of Baltimore's Adam Jones during the first inning of Thursday night's game in New York. Chamberlain was removed from the game as a precaution but X-rays were negative and he said he felt fine.

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One for the road

Nuggets tie series, end L.A. drought

BY BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's all even between the Denver Nuggets and Los Angeles Lakers, with Denver's thin air awaiting these two teams in their breathless Western Conference finals showdown.

The Nuggets earned an elusive playoff victory over the Lakers, 106-103 Thursday night, to end an 11-game winless streak against Los Angeles in the playoffs dating to 1985.

The best-of-seven series resumes Saturday with Game 3 in Denver, a mile above sea-level Los Angeles.

"It's tough for me to run up and down that court in the altitude and I'm here all year long," said Carmelo Anthony, who had 34 points and nine rebounds in the victory. "It is a factor being 5,280 [feet] — that's tough for anybody."

Kobe Bryant had 32 points, including making all 10 of his free throws, Trevor Ariza scored a career playoff-high 20 points and Pau Gasol had 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Lakers, who dropped to 7-2 at home in this playoff run.

"They have home-court advantage now. Now it's time to go to Denver, see if we can do the same," Bryant said. "We're not the best road team in the NBA for no reason."

The Nuggets rediscovered their toughness in the closing minutes Thursday, an attitude they lacked in a two-point loss in Game 1.

They were talking tough, too, fed up with all the hype about the NBA Finals being a star-studded showcase for Cleveland's LeBron James and Bryant.

"It's not going to be us and Orlando laying down so those two could play in two weeks. It ain't going to happen," Denver's Kenyon Martin vowed. "I'm going to make sure it don't. Y'all can go home and play 'NBA Live' if y'all want to see that matchup."

Martin had a say in the final 29 seconds Thursday, making a layup in traffic off a pass from Nene, and Chauncey Billups hit three of four free throws to close out the game.

"There was just a demand that we had to win this game," Denver coach George Karl said. "There was an inner spirit. We're a much more smart, mentally tough team than you look at last year and what we are now. It's a great win."



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, right, gets pumped when Los Angeles Lakers center Pau Gasol is called for a foul during Game 2 of the Western Conference finals Thursday in Los Angeles.

Billups had 27 points and Linas Kleiza added 16 for the Nuggets, and Nene finished with six points, nine rebounds and six assists.

"To get one on the road is always tough. We came in and got it," Anthony said. "We're men-

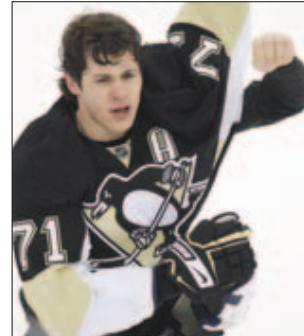
tally tough and we showed that in this game coming off the loss that we gave away in Game 1."

Anthony twisted his ankle in the game, but he said he would be fine for Game 3.

The Nuggets recovered from

poor free-throw shooting during the setback in Game 1 to make 17 consecutive foul shots until Billups missed one with 4 seconds remaining. He made the second for a three-point lead.

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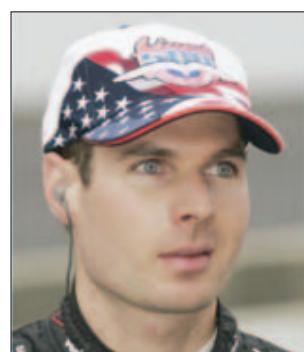
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